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Commissioners At Odds Over Assessment Ratio

By Bob Eichenlaub, Greene County Editor

WAYNESBURG — A growing dispute between Greene County Commissioners L.R. Santore and Dan Bailey over a possible change in the county's assessment ratio was intensified at Thursday's meeting of the board of commissioners.

During the meeting and at a press conference which followed it, Santore took Bailey to task for not consulting with his fellow commissioners before suggesting in a statement to the newspapers earlier this week that the county would be better advised to campaign for a coal severance tax as a means of solving its fiscal problems.

In a prepared statement Sunday, Bailey said he believes he is under "personal attack" from Santore for his proposal of a county mineral depletion tax.

Bailey, who first made public his plan to increase taxes paid to the county by coal, oil and gas companies last week, said remarks by Santore regarding his attendance in the

county office and that he was playing politics are "totally erroneous and unfounded."

"I detect a shade of politics being used at the county's expense," Santore said in a prepared statement which he read during the meeting.

"As chairman of the board, I have been taking the responsibility of keeping abreast of the problems that crop up and doing my best to arrive at solutions to continue responsible government for Greene County. I have kept both Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner (John) Gardner informed of the solutions that may have to be used to give the necessary responsible government.

"I was very disappointed in Commissioner Bailey's method of informing the press first of solutions that he felt would aid in solving the problems we may have in providing a budget for 1986, instead of first discussing his ideas with me or Mr. Gardner. Perhaps this was due to his spending very little time in the office in the past two weeks."

The matter first came up last week

when Santore confirmed that the commissioners are exploring the need for a change in the property tax assessment ratio, which currently stands at 30 percent of market value.

He cited the fact that the present property tax of 21¼ mills cannot be increased further without court approval and that the county also faces a serious financial problem in planned abolishment of the federal Revenue Sharing Fund program, which would deprive the county of \$425,000 each year.

By changing the assessment ratio, he noted, the county would increase the revenue generated by each mill of property tax, making it possible to lower the millage rate and still generate additional revenue. He also pointed out that if the change were made for 1986, the county would be limited to a 5 percent increase in revenues for that year.

In a statement which he sent to newspapers for publication Thursday, Bailey said he would not favor a tax ratio change at this time due to economic conditions and high unemployment in the county.

He suggested that the commissioners appeal to state legislators for a new law which would enable the county to levy a mineral severance tax, stating that a tax of five cents per ton on coal mined in the county would

produce annual revenues of \$450,000.

"I offered the possibility of a mineral depletion tax to offset any loss in county funds by the proposed elimination of federal revenue sharing," Bailey said in his statement. "I did so only after Mr. Santore went to the media with his proposal to increase the property tax assessment ratio from its present 30 percent to a scale of between 40 and 75 percent.

"If the chairman would have discussed his proposals thoroughly with me as he did with members of the press, quite possibly, this situation would not have gotten out of hand."

Bailey said he first learned the

details of Santore's proposal in various newspaper articles. "Neither his plan, nor mine, were ever officially discussed at a regular commissioners' meeting, and yet Mr. Santore has publicly chastised me for doing exactly what he has done."

The commissioner said he is aware of the "improbability" of such a mineral depletion tax being enacted. "It would require an act on the part of the state General Assembly to change the county code." He added, however, with the trend under President Reagan's administration to "put more of the financial burden on local and state govern-

ments, now is the time to begin making a push for new legislation."

Following the meeting, Santore invited media representatives and Gardner to attend a press conference at which he expanded on his views.

While stressing that no final decision had been made on changing the assessment ratio, he pointed out that the commissioners have already com-

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County's Jobless Rate Down

WAYNESBURG — Greene County's unemployment rate dropped from 18.5 percent to 16.3 percent during the three month period from October to December 1984, according to the latest statistical report from the Department of Labor and Industry's Office of Employment Security.

During that period, the report indicates, the number of persons working in the county rose from 11,400 to 11,700 while those on the unemployment rolls dropped from 2,600 to 2,300.

Primary factor was the recall of 200 persons employed in the mining industry, where employment increased from 3,200 to 3,400 — a level still below the 3,800 who were employed in the industry in December of 1985 when the county had a 15.3 percent unemployment rate.

The other 100 increase in jobs was in the wholesale and retail trade category, where employment increased from 1,800 to 1,900.

No change was listed for employment in government at 2,000, in manufacturing industries at 500, in public utilities at 900, in finance, insurance and real estate at 200, in contract construction at 200 and in service and miscellaneous jobs at 1,600.

Three Injured At LTV Mine

NEMACOLIN — Three men were hurt in an underground mine accident Wednesday morning at LTV's Nema-colin Mine.

None was injured seriously and all were released following treatment at Uniontown Hospital.

Injured were Charles Wisvari, 42, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, Cy Rechichar, 54, of New Salem and Charles Pogue, 37, of Jefferson, a federal mine inspector.

The accident occurred about 10:15 a.m. while the group was traveling in a "jeep" (a 4-wheel underground vehicle) and an empty mine car traveling in the opposite direction struck them.

Wisvari was reported to have sustained injuries to his right shoulder. Rechichar had injuries to his abdomen and lower back and Pogue suffered injuries to his right leg and back.

Collapse Keeps Nema-colin Closed

About 250 miners from the Nema-colin Mine will continue to be affected by a roof collapse there early Monday, which will keep the mine closed for about two more days.

Dave Menhart, president of UMWA Local 6290, said Tuesday, "Management has informed me that it will be a couple days before the debris is cleared from the haulage way."

At about 6 a.m. Monday the roof collapsed in the main tunnel of the mine from which coal is taken out to the surface.

None of the approximately 90 workers in the mine at the time were injured, according to Menhart, and they were able to get out of the mine through other exits.

Because the collapse shut down four working sections, the entire mine was shut down.

Third-Degree Plea

Shekerko Pleads Guilty To Slaying

WAYNESBURG — The first-degree murder trial of Harvey A. Shekerko Sr. of Waynesburg came to an abrupt end Tuesday morning when all parties agreed to accept a plea of third-degree murder.

Two jurors had been selected Monday after which defense attorney Paul Gettleman approached District Attorney Charles Morris and asked about the possibility of accepting a third-degree plea which calls for a 10 to 20-year prison sentence.

The prosecution had been seeking a first-degree conviction with the intent of asking for a death sentence.

Shekerko had been charged with the beating death of four-year-old James Everett Caldwell on March 21, 1984. The child's body had been found at the foot of a flight of stairs at Shekerko's home at 245½ South Morgan Street.

The victim was the son of Linda Caldwell who was living with Shekerko at the time of the incident.

Additional but separate charges of indecent assault and endangering the welfare of children have also been filed against Shekerko. However, his

attorney in that case, has filed a petition with the local court seeking dismissal of the charges on the basis he was not brought to trial within 180 days. Judge Glenn Toothman is expected to rule on the matter within the next two weeks.

District Attorney Morris said he was basically satisfied with the plea because there was always the risk the commonwealth could not have obtained the first-degree conviction. "Our evidence was largely circumstantial, and who knows how the jury would have voted," Morris said.

Lt. David Clark of the Waynesburg Borough Police Department, the prosecuting officer, said, "After weighing the circumstances and evidence present in the case, the plea was probably in the best interest of justice."

Clark added that, "in seeking a first-degree conviction, more than anything else, we were relying on the testimony of two witnesses, one of who is a child."

Shekerko will be sentenced on Monday, March 25, by Toothman who ordered a presentence report Tuesday.

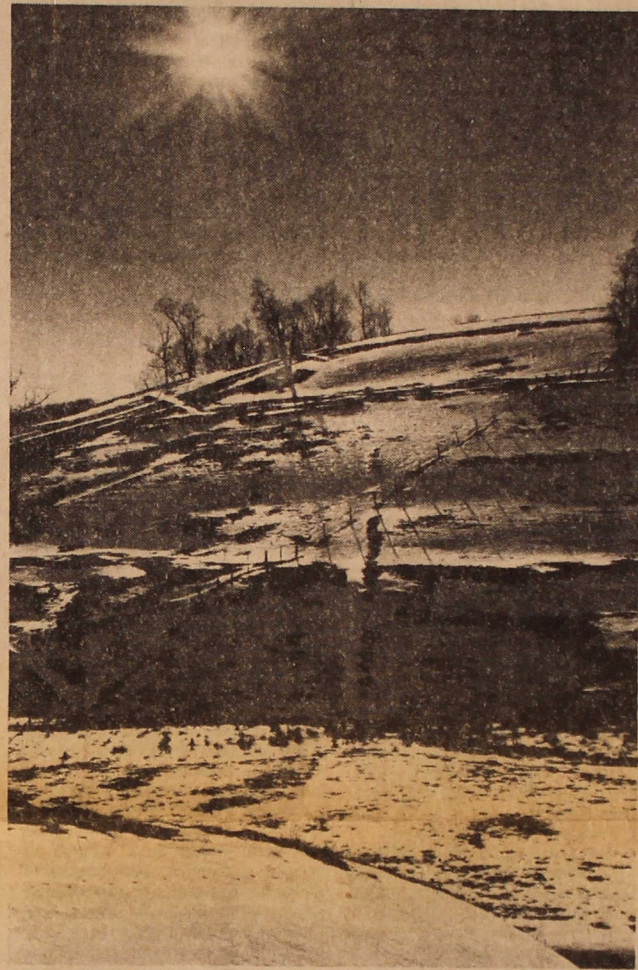
Cumberland Twp. OKs New Contract

CARMICHAELS — The Cumberland Township supervisors agreed to a new contract with Chambers-Gaydos Associates to administer the township's Small Community Grant. The contract gives Chambers-Gaydos \$25 an hour for the work of each of the partners of the firm.

The grant \$136,555 will be used for improvements in the parks in three township communities, Carmichaels, Nema-colin and Crucible.

Tom Vincek, president of the T-Ball Association, ask the supervisors to provide fill for the Little League and softball field located between Crucible and Rices Landing. He said the field is used for many activities including adult softball.

The supervisors said that they have a volunteer trucker who will haul fill for them as soon as weather permit. Vincek said the fathers of the participants would finish the work to get the field in playing condition. The field is owned by the Rices Landing Athletic Club but is in Cumberland Township.



Sunspot

There is a star-like quality to the sun in this photograph as it is shown against a late afternoon winter sky. What remains of the snow covering on this farm along T-622 in Greene Township twinkles in the sun's reflection.

Observer-Reporter / Christie Nelson

School Board Approves Contract

No Hitches In J-M Teachers' Pact

By Stan Diamond, Staff Writer

JEFFERSON — Teacher contract negotiations in the Jefferson-Morgan School District have come a long way since the 18-day teacher strike in 1979 and the 26-day strike three years ago.

A new three-year teaching contract with the 73-member Jefferson-Morgan Professional Association was approved by the school board Monday night on a 6-1 vote. Two board members were absent. The tentative agreement was ratified by teachers during a meeting Monday afternoon. The district's current three-year contract with the association will expire Aug. 31.

The board also voted acceptance of a tentative contract with Local 585 Service Employees Union representing 21 non-professional employees in the district. Those union members are scheduled to vote on the tentative agreement on Wednesday.

The district's contract with its professional employees gives them a \$1,700 raise in each of the three years, an increase of one personal leave day for a total of five which must be taken as whole days, an increase in dental coverage in the third year of the contract, and a minimum of 42

minutes per day in preparation time for secondary school teachers, except in the case of school delays or early dismissals. This is a reduction from 45 minutes but has been in effect since the secondary school went to an eight-period day this year. It is now being included in the contract.

Only three negotiating sessions between the board and teachers were required before the tentative agreement was reached. "This is the quickest it's ever been," Robert Lutz, president of the profession association said of the negotiations. "With the renovation project (a \$3 million junior-senior high school building renovation project announced recently) and the current economic times taken into consideration we felt we had an offer to take to the membership," he said.

Lutz said 95 percent of the professional association membership voted to approve the tentative contract. The \$1,700 raise is the same as was negotiated in the current contract.

Margaret Simmons was the only board member voting against the contract and based her vote on a random telephone survey she had made of 100 district residents. "I was undecided

until the past three or four days and based my vote on the overwhelming response to my survey," she said. "I just called 100 people randomly from the telephone book. Eleven said yes they were for the contract, 13 said the board would do what they wanted and it made no difference what they said, and 76 said no."

Ms. Simmons said she was against the contract because of the voter response and because the district just increased property taxes by 8.62 to pay for the junior-senior high school renovation project and the sluggish economy locally.

Board members voting for the contract were Stanley Fowler, Dr. Stanley E.L. Falor, Karen Sabo, Clarence Virgin, Vito Virgili and Dave Saunders. Board members absent were Floyd Haney and Charles Ferencak.

The board voted unanimously for the tentative three-year contract with non-professional employees which calls for a \$1,050 a year increase for janitors in each of the three years, a 50-cent per hour increase for sweepers in each year, and a 45-cent per hour increase for cafeteria workers in each year.

development Ordinance.

The litigation was initiated in 1981 by the owners of 10 houses in the subdivision — William E. and Theresa M. Wilson, Gerald and Carol A. Day, Joseph R. and Carolyn Magda, Joseph and Dorothy Zammerelli, David W. and Carol A. Miller, Robert N. and Bonnie S. Davis, Bruce and Stephanie Grandel, Howard R. and Jeanne Bell, Wayne A. and Darlene Harn, and Frank and Suzanne Bodzer.

They contended that when they

purchased their houses they were told the township would construct paved roads and a drainage system to replace the red-dog roads in the development. When it did not happen, they brought their equity action against the developers and the Jefferson Township supervisors.

Judge Fred Adams, who presided over the case in Greene County Court after Judge Glenn Toothman disqualified himself from hearing it, ruled that the Szyokas were responsible for completing the road. He dis-

missed the complaint against the township on the grounds that the township road ordinance was not a subdivision ordinance, but merely set construction standards that must be met before a road would be accepted into the township system.

He also ruled that even though the Greene County Planning Commission did not require the developers to post a bond to assure compliance with road standards in the county subdivision ordinance, this did not affect the duty of the developer to meet

those standards.

The Commonwealth Court opinion sustained both rulings, dismissing the contention of the developers that, since there was no contractual agreement between themselves and the home owners regarding completion of the streets, the township must bear responsibility for accepting the roads as they are and finishing them.

"The trial court found as a fact that the Szyokas were aware of the ordinances in effect at the time they started their project (in 1976) and that

they were therefore bound to abide by the regulations and requirements set forth in those ordinances. We agree with the trial court's reasoning," the appellate court opinion states.

William E. Wilson, one of the plaintiffs in the case, attended the meeting of the Greene County commissioners Thursday to ask for action by the planning commission to enforce compliance with its ordinance in accord with the court ruling, noting that the 30-day appeal period expired on Jan. 28.

State Court Rules In Favor Of Group Of Home Owners

WAYNESBURG — The Commonwealth Court has ruled in favor of a group of home owners in a long-standing dispute over the improvement of a road in the Szyoka plan of lots in Jefferson Township, near Dry Tavern.

The appellate court's opinion sustains a Greene County Court ruling handed down in 1981 which holds that Earl and Audrey Szyoka of Rices Landing R.D.1 must upgrade the road to meet standards of the Greene County Subdivision and Land De-

Two More Candidates Enter County Judge Race

District Attorney Of Greene County

WAYNESBURG — District Attorney Charles J. Morris has announced that he is a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Greene County.

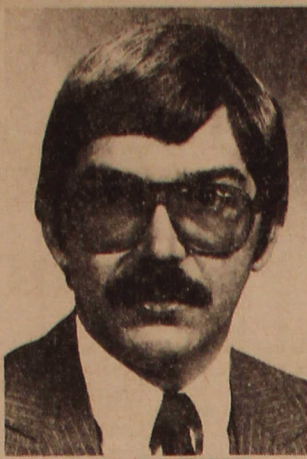
Morris, 35, is a lifelong resident of Greene County and a graduate of Carmichaels Area High School. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame and received his law degree from Duquesne University in 1975. Upon being admitted to the bar, he was associated with the Waynesburg law firm of Pollock, Pollock and Thomas, where he engaged in the general practice of law.

Morris was elected district attorney in 1979, taking office in January 1980. He was elected to a second term as district attorney in 1983. Throughout his tenure in office he has maintained a private practice of law and served for one year as solicitor for Carmichaels Borough.

In addition to being admitted to practice before the Courts of Pennsylvania, he has been admitted to the Federal Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Greene County Bar Associations and has served as treasurer and president of the county association. He also is in his sixth year of membership in the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association. He is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Carmichaels Council. He and his wife Lydia attend St. Ann's Catholic Church at Waynesburg.

While Morris is a Democrat, he



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has received the nomination of both parties in both of his previous campaigns for district attorney.

In discussing the function and role of the Court, Morris said:

"To a large degree the effectiveness and strength of the judicial system is directly related to the confidence the citizens have in its impartial, unprejudiced administration. It is essential that the people believe in the integrity of the Court. We in Greene County have been fortunate to have such a Court in the person of Judge Glenn Toothman.

"I believe that my deep-rooted ties to Greene County and the extensive courtroom experience gained during my five years as district attorney enables me to serve in the office of judge and to do so in a manner in which the citizens of this county will continue to have confidence in the integrity and effectiveness of the Court."

Senior Partner In Waynesburg Firm

WAYNESBURG — William P. Thomas of Waynesburg has announced his candidacy for judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Greene County.

Thomas, 56, is a senior partner in the law firm of Pollock, Pollock and Thomas and has been engaged in the general practice of law before the local and appellate courts since his admission to practice in 1959. He also is admitted to practice in the Federal Court system.

His law practice has included civil litigation and criminal defense work and extensive practice in real estate and probate law, municipal law, and oil, gas and mineral law.

He has served as trustee for the Federal District Court, as deputy attorney for the state Department of Public Welfare, as United States government appeal agent in the selective service system, as a mental health review and hearing officer and as a member of the Greene County Board of Viewers.

He has worked with the Federal Land Bank Association and Penn State University Cooperative Extension Service in the planning and presentation of programs to assist rural land owners in the construction and negotiation of oil and gas leases. He also is a member of the National Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association and the Eastern Mineral Law Foundation.

Thomas is a graduate of Waynesburg College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree. He is a member of the American Bar Association and Penn-

sylvanian Bar Association and a member and past president of the Greene County Bar Association.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 through 1954 as both an enlisted man and commissioned officer with the 28th and 44th Infantry Divisions.

He is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Waynesburg and an ordained elder.

Thomas and his wife, Florida, who teaches in the Central Greene School District, are the parents of four children: William P., III, who works at the Duquesne Light Co. Warwick Mine; Robert E., a West Virginia Wesleyan College graduate employed by Pollock, Pollock and Thomas as a title abstractor; Karl A., a Washington & Jefferson College graduate currently pursuing a master's degree in business at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; and Karen L. who attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and East Carolina University and is currently employed by Barrier Island Resort, Kitty Hawk, N.C.

They have two grandchildren, Katherine and Sarah Thomas.

Thomas has been active in various local civic and charitable organizations.

He served for 15 years, from 1969 through 1984, as a member and chair-

man of the board of trustees of Greene County Memorial Hospital and for 12 years was a member and chairman of the county Board of Public Assistance. Since 1962 he has been a member of the county Municipal Recreation Authority, now the county Recreation Board. He is a past director of the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross, Greene County Industrial Developments, Inc. and the Waynesburg College Alumni Association.

He is a member of several veterans and fraternal organizations, including the Elks and American Legion, and is a 32nd degree Mason and a member and past master of Waynesburg Lodge No. 153, F&AM.

In speaking of the forthcoming judicial election and his candidacy, Thomas said:

"An attorney's career is characterized by service in the public sector and it is both a natural progression and a fulfillment of that career to desire to continue that service as a member of the judiciary.

"I have had the privilege of practice in Greene County before two extremely capable jurists, the late Judge J.I. Hook and Judge Glenn Toothman, who together have administered the judicial system of this county for the past 39 years in a



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diligent, efficient and impartial manner.

"Collectively they have established a standard of excellence by which their successor will undoubtedly be measured and in the final analysis it will be left to the sound discretion of the electorate to select from among the slate of judicial candidates the one whom they feel is most qualified to fulfill the duties of this office."

Election Petitions Filed

WAYNESBURG — Scores of Greene County residents have filed nominating petitions in the registration office in Waynesburg as candidates for various municipal offices in the May 21 primary election.

Those filing as Democratic candidates were:

Rita Kendall King, tax collector, Monongahela Township; Beth Ann Bristol, tax collector, Center Township; Beverly L. Grim, inspector of election, Richhill Township; Shirley B. Grim, tax collector, Richhill Township.

Gertrude Busti, assessor, Cumberland Township; Paul R. Cook, supervisor, Center Township; Virginia Bayles, inspector of election, Morgan-Mather; Johnny Bill Hughes, constable, Franklin Township.

James A. Jackson, supervisor, Jackson Township; Clancy A. Murray, supervisor, Jefferson Township; Keith H. Koval, tax collector, Monongahela Township; Arthur A. Spitznogle, supervisor, Perry Township; David Brumley, supervisor, Monongahela Township.

M. Robert Sonnebor, tax collector, Waynesburg Borough; John Laich, constable, Ward 1, Waynesburg; Mary Ann Lewis, constable, Jefferson Township; Daniel (Mike) Lewis, constable, Cumberland Township.

Penny Elliott Buckhalter, tax collector, Franklin Township; Brenda C. Delaney, tax collector, Jackson Township; Cynthia Varner, assessor, Freeport Township.

George E. Handford, supervisor, Morgan Township; Gary Morehead Jr., supervisor, Perry Township; Sam Cunningham, supervisor, Freeport Township; Ed Brumley, supervisor, Monongahela Township; Leo Wolfe Jr., council, Jefferson; Jean Sowden Redman, tax collector, Morgan Township; Richard C. Cummins, supervisor, Franklin Township; Donald Chesney, constable, Cumberland Township; Bernard

Eisiminger, supervisor, Whiteley Township and Ernest Phillips, tax collector, Perry Township.

Also, Robert D. White Jr., supervisor, Jefferson Township; Howard W. Tustin, supervisor, Springhill Township; Clyde M. Jeffries Jr., supervisor, Cumberland Township; Donna Bennington, auditor, Jackson Township; Albert R. Kiger, supervisor, Perry Township; Albert Starostanko, school director, Jefferson-Morgan; Norma J. Starostanko, inspector of elections, Jefferson No. 2; Irene M. Lipsky, inspector of elections, Morgan-Chartiers; Ralph Ed Kiger, supervisor, Jackson Township; Karen L. Stockdale, tax collector, Washington Township; Fred C. Courtwright, supervisor, Aleppo Township; Barbara S. Morris, tax collector, Center Township and G. Stewart Ealy, tax collector, Morris Township.

Charles A. Beiter Jr., council, Ward 3, Waynesburg; Charles J. Henry, supervisor, Richhill Township; Kenneth Curfman, supervisor, Jackson Township; Irene R. Rollison, judge of election, Jefferson Township No. 2; Oleta Kiger, judge of elections, Wayne-East; Saranel Moore, inspector of elections, Wayne-East.

William (Bud) Schifko, supervisor, Cumberland Township; Janis C. Walker, tax collector, Morris Township; Richard L. Faddis, supervisor, Jefferson Township; Doris Engle, tax collector, Franklin Township; John F. Thompson, supervisor, Morris Township; Frank H. McNeely, supervisor, Jefferson Township; and Margaret L. Scott, judge of elections, Center Township.

Harold L. Cook, constable, Jackson Township; Marvin L. Moody, supervisor, Dunkard Township; Don Carroll, supervisor, Morris Township; Norma J. Carroll, assessor, Morris Township.

Betty L. Cole, tax collector, Wayne Township; Lloyd Fike, supervisor, Morris Township; August Angelini,

supervisor, Cumberland Township; Mildred Winger, tax collector, Cumberland Township; Blaine A. Cassedy, supervisor (six-year term), Greene Township.

John E. Haines, supervisor, Perry Township; William D. Virgin, tax collector, Jefferson Township; Trudy W. Renner, tax collector, Whiteley Township; Bonnie J. Smouse, auditor, Franklin Township.

Sandra Jacobs, judge of election, Richhill; Robert N. (Buck) Kennedy, supervisor, Perry; Gary L. Gallentine, school board, Jefferson-Morgan; Faye Morris, tax collector, Richhill; Connie L. Widdup, inspector of election, Jackson; Charles R. White, supervisor, Washington; Ruth A. Campbell, inspector of election, Clarksville; Corinne T. Arnold, inspector of election, Jefferson No. 4; Celestine Worch Kalist, tax collector, Cumberland; Frank D. Carter, constable, Richhill; Harold Kughn, supervisor, Wayne; Jean Zimmerman, inspector of election, Franklin-South; James W. Richie, supervisor, Greene; Opal Rohrer, judge of election, Jefferson No. 4; Ronald J. Jarvis, auditor, Jefferson; James Rumble, school director, Southeastern Greene; Adam Novak, school director, Southeastern Greene; and Jeffrey J. Novak, supervisor, Monongahela.

Those filing as Republican candidates were:

Gladys Herrington, inspector of election, Upper Dunkard; Christine Cumberland, inspector of election, Wayne-West; Marilyn K. Shipman, tax collector, Washington; James Rumble, school director, Southeastern Greene; and Adam Novak, school director, Southeastern Greene.

George L. Delaney, supervisor, Jackson Township; George Johnson, supervisor, Springhill Township; Lena Belle Young, inspector of election, Clarksville Borough; Genevieve Dulaney, inspector of election, Wayne-East.

Charles W. Six, constable, of Richhill Township; Pauline Lucas, tax collector, Waynesburg Borough; Dorothy Hewitt for tax collector in Richhill Township; Reason Phillips for assessor in Wayne Township; and Frank P. Walters for supervisor in Cumberland Township.



Observer-Reporter

Section Champions

The Waynesburg Junior High wrestling team finished the season with a 15-0 record and the section championship. The team also took first place honors in a 16-team tournament held in Waynesburg last week. Included in their string of victories was a 108-0 win over Uniontown and scores of 96-9 and 91-6 over other opponents. Coaching the team this year were Terry Cole, Bob Rush, Gary McClure and Buck Closser. Four wrestlers, including Scott Adamson, Steve Tedrow, Tim Ayersman and Matt Blair finished with perfect records.

Judge Dismisses Hunter's Appeal

WAYNESBURG — A West Virginia resident who was fined \$200 for hunting deer out of season when he crossed the state line into Pennsylvania lost his chance to get his money back when he failed to appear in Greene County Court for an appeal hearing.

Judge Glenn Toothman dismissed the appeal of Thomas E. Smith of Fairmont R.D.2 despite the request for a continuance by Attorney John Hardisty, who said his client was appealing the magistrate's ruling as a matter of principle. He added he had no idea why Smith was not present for the scheduled hearing, but suggested

that there might be a valid reason why he had not appeared.

"This was a man who was hunting with his son and had both a West Virginia and a Pennsylvania license," he said. "He truly believed he was in West Virginia and hadn't fired a shot. I feel the proper procedure would have been for the game protector to advise him of the location of the state line and give him a warning," Hardisty said.

Smith was arrested on Nov. 22, 1984 in Gilmore Township, during the deer hunting season in West Virginia but before opening of the Pennsylvania season. He was subsequently found guilty of the charge and fined by a magistrate.

In opposing the request for a continuance, Assistant District Attorney Mary Pruss pointed out that game protectors, property owners and a surveyor from Harrisburg had been forced to suffer inconvenience to appear for the hearing and should not be required to return.

"This area (Gilmore Township) has been a problem for violations of this kind," she said. "The defendant has formerly lived in the area for a number of years and yet he parked his car in Pennsylvania 100 feet from the state line and was 1,000 feet inside Pennsylvania when he was apprehended. I feel he knew where he was."



WINS GOLD MEDAL — Brad McCullough, a member of the Waynesburg Future Farmer's of America Chapter, has been awarded a state FFA gold medal in beef cattle production by the Pennsylvania FFA State Record Book Scoring Committee. Brad's Supervised Occupational Experience Record Book was scored as a blue award book in the Greene County scoring which was done in late January. This qualified his record book to be submitted for scoring in the state-level competition. Scoring points are based upon record book neatness, accuracy and production efficiency factors. The gold medal award is the highest level of achievement which can be attained in record book scoring and analysis. Brad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCullough of Sycamore and attends Waynesburg Central High School.

Santore Takes Bailey To Task

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mitted themselves to a raise of at least 15 cents an hour for county employees in 1986 and that additional revenues must be generated to meet this commitment.

"We negotiated a contract with our employees which provided for a wage freeze this year and which they were very considerate to accept, but we can't keep them working forever at the low wages they now receive," he said.

He added that, by law, the county has only three sources of tax revenues — the property tax, \$5 per capita tax and 4 mill personal property tax, all of which are already at their legal maximum.

He also pointed out that coal companies and other coal owners are already paying 44 percent of the county's property taxes, and that past efforts to pass legislation authorizing a mineral severance tax have always met with defeat.

"It is very odd to learn that Commissioner Bailey is advocating such a tax at this time," Santore said. "In 1983, at a surface mining meeting which was also a 'Meet the Candidate' night, Bailey said that as long

as he was a commissioner he would oppose any severance tax because he felt that coal companies were already paying their fair share of taxes in Greene County.

"If a ratio change is made, and presently it seems the most realistic approach, it would not change the market value of property and does not indicate an enormous increase in taxes. The county, townships and boroughs would be limited to a 5 percent increase in property tax revenues and school districts to a 10 percent increase. When a ratio change is made, it is more or less compensated for by lowering the millage rate."

In another development at their meeting, the commissioners received proposals from five agencies and firms which are interested in administering the Community Development Block Grant program for the county.

They came from Gaydos-Chambers Associates of Uniontown, Greene County Industrial Developments, the Washington-Greene Community Action Corp., Community Preservations Inc. of Uniontown, and Grant Management Services, Fairmont, W.Va.

Spunky Rockettes Lose In OT

By Bob Grove, O-R Sports Staff

CALIFORNIA — It is only the smallest of consolations right now, but what has been a very good season for the Jefferson-Morgan High School girls basketball program ended heroically here Tuesday night. They are fighters, these girls, and that will mean something when the emotion of the moment has passed.

"That's our forte. All year, the kids have had a saying that the fourth quarter is ours, and they keep coming back at you. We've beaten a lot of teams in the fourth quarter," coach Tim Jones was saying after the Rockettes lost in overtime to Boyle, 53-52, in the first round of the WPIAL Class A playoffs at California High School.

"They never give up." This fact was swiftly proven Tuesday, when junior forward Angie Kelly converted a pair of field goals nine seconds apart in the final minute of regulation to tie the game, 48-48, before missing another as time ran

out. Jefferson-Morgan had a chance to win the game in overtime, too, though senior guard Wendy Taylor's shot was partially blocked at the buzzer. But the point had already been made. "I'm really proud of these kids," said Jones, also emotionally drained by the game. "Every move they make out there... it's like I'm making it, too. I really care for these kids. It's a great group of kids."

The Rockettes finish the season 15-6. Boyle, now 9-11, will meet Monessen this weekend.

In the Lancers, coach Barb Hess has a team with a bright future. She dressed four freshmen, five sophomores and one senior Tuesday, and the senior was sick tonight and only played sporadically. So it was basically a freshman and sophomore team. We felt all along that this was a no-lose proposition. We're young and we have the chance to come back next year, so I told them just to go out and play as well as they can.

"Tonight, I didn't think we were tight at all."

Hess' two starting freshmen, forward Ellen McCarthy and guard Jill McElhinny, combined for 27 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore center Carol Dugas scored a game-high 18 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, and sophomore forward Gina Fisher chipped in four points and added six rebounds.

It was McCarthy and Dugas who provided the key plays down the stretch for Boyle. Trailing by eight points, 34-26, with 4:05 to play in the third quarter, the Lancers received four points from McCarthy to help close the margin to four, 38-34, by the end of the quarter.

In the fourth, Dugas scored six points and grabbed six rebounds as Boyle slowly pulled ahead with the help of a triangle-and-two half-court trap. "When we let them go, they were getting the ball where they wanted it," Hess said of Jefferson-Morgan. "But we went to the trap,

and they didn't seem to handle the ball real well."

Boyle could not, however, put the Rockettes away.

With 48 seconds to play and the Lancers ahead, 48-44, McElhinny missed a free throw. Boyle got the rebound, but Kelly forced a turnover in the backcourt and was fouled while converting a two-on-one break. She missed the ensuing free throw, but a wild scramble for the rebound gave Jefferson-Morgan the ball again. The Rockettes got it inside to Kelly, and the game was tied.

"I don't believe you can win too many games from 30, 35 feet out," Jones said of his offense, which is geared to stuffing the ball inside. "If we can work it inside, we'll do it, and we do get it in there pretty much for as small as we are."

Jefferson-Morgan converted just 12 of 26 free throws, a fact which contributed heavily to the loss. The Rockettes were only four-for-13 in the first half.

DeWeese Chairing Several Agency Budget Hearings

HARRISBURG — In his new role as vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, state Rep. Bill DeWeese will be leading some very important budget hearings over the next few weeks.

DeWeese, who last month was appointed to the No. 2 slot on the most active panel in the House, said he will be chairing budget hearings for the following agencies: Pennsylvania State Police, departments of the At-

torney General and General Services, Crime Commission, Fish Commission and the universities of Penn State, Temple and Pittsburgh.

The Waynesburg lawmaker is a long-time supporter of law enforcement activities, such as those represented in the office of the Attorney General, the state police and Crime Commission.

"Law enforcement is a primary service of this Commonwealth," said DeWeese, "and the need for it —

unfortunately — seems to grow every year. We will carefully review the law enforcement agencies' budgets to ensure that citizen protection priorities remain intact."

DeWeese said the university budgets will require careful scrutiny, also.

"With the possibility of some federal funds for higher education drying up," DeWeese said, "we are going to have to look at ways to fill gaps. We

will need to look down the road at higher education funding and prevent — where we can — a crisis in the university system."

The lawmaker noted the Fish Commission will participate in its first ever budget hearing under his chairmanship.

"The Fish Commission used to be funded directly from the sales of fishing licenses, and received no monitoring by the legislature on its budgets. I welcome this opportunity to review

the commission's financial activities, not because there is evidence of mismanagement, but because it's just a good idea for any arm of state government to receive financial oversight, taxpayer money or not."

DeWeese, whose district includes Greene County and parts of Fayette and Washington counties, said the budget hearing process is more successful than the system the Republican-controlled House had in

place five years ago.

"We allow two or three subcommittees to conduct hearings simultaneously," DeWeese said. "It expedites the budget hearing process by allowing us to handle state agencies twice as fast as before, and it gives us the spare time to seek testimony from outside expert groups, thus improving the decision-making arena."

Budget hearings continue through the third week of March.

United Way Names Head

WAYNESBURG — Lois G. Hewitt, manager of the Jefferson Division of West Penn Power Co., has been named to lead the 1985-86 campaign of the Greene County United Way, according to Archie Trader, United Way president.

Hewitt will be recruiting and leading a team of volunteers whose responsibility will be to solicit gifts from firms and individuals throughout Greene County during the annual campaign.

Mrs. Hewitt is a 35-year veteran with West Penn. Prior to being named division manager in 1983, Mrs. Hewitt served as supervisor, division customer services and accounting in the Laurel Division. Her West Penn Power career began in Connellsville as a district clerk in 1949 and she moved through various other positions over the years.

She is married to William C. Hewitt and makes her home in LeMont Furnace. She is a member of the



LOIS G. HEWITT
Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce, Uniontown Business and Professional

Women's Club, West Penn Power Speakers Service, Greene County branch of the Pennsylvania Economy League and is a member of the choir of the Evan's Manor Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hewitt enjoys dancing, traveling, bowling, reading, listening to music and flower gardening.

She joined the Greene County United Way team in 1984 as a member of the board and served on the Admissions and Executive Committees in addition to leading the Commerce and Industry Division in the 1984-85 drive.

Greene County is one of four participating partners in United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania. The other partners are Allegheny County United Way, Mon Valley United Way and Central Washington County United Way.

The annual drive supports a variety of human care services in Greene County.



Providence Kitchen

Through the cooperative effort of the Greene County Food Bank and St. Ann's Church, Waynesburg, a Providence Kitchen serving free lunches has been opened in the church's basement social room. Lunches will be served from 12:30-1:30 p.m. each Monday and Friday through the Lenten season. The lunches are available to anyone in the community, although donations will be accepted from those able to pay. The food is provided through the Federal Emergency Management Act program. Volunteers from both the food bank and church prepare and serve the lunches. Barbara Coccari, food bank coordinator, and volunteer John Lavigne, both standing, serve a family at the Providence Kitchen Monday afternoon.

Flenniken Trustees Elect Officers

CARMICHAELS — The board of trustees of Flenniken Public Library, Carmichaels, elected officers for 1985 at a meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Those elected were William Gnatuk, president; David Smith, vice president; Ann Yarish, treasurer, and Marcia Biddle, secretary.

Librarian Ruth Macera reported that January circulation was 2,917 books, with 66 new library cards being issued during the month. Four volunteers worked a total of 33 hours in the library and 230 people attended library programs.

Mrs. Macera announced that two activities are being planned in conjunction with the district center — Citizens' Library in Washington.

The first is a bookmark design contest for students. Local winners will be sent to Citizens' Library for further judging. A chess tournament also is planned, with local winners also going on to Washington.

A photography contest is being planned in cooperation with the American Library Association. It will include categories for youth and adults in both black and white and color categories. Winning photos will be displayed in the Capitol Rotunda in

Harrisburg during Library Legislative Day and then will be forwarded to Chicago for national judging.

Under a one-time state grant through the district center, Flenniken is planning to purchase a video cassette recorder and television set which will be used for programs at the library.

The board expressed appreciation to the Friends of the Flenniken Library, who have purchased a table and chairs for the children's room and recently donated \$100 for the purchase of easy-to-read books for children.



95TH BIRTHDAY — Ethel G. Miller, a resident of Wise Rest Home, Waynesburg, will observe her 95th birthday Thursday, Feb. 21. Her husband was the late Walter W. Miller. They are the parents of two daughters, H. Lucille Yeager of Spraggs and Jeannette J. Husk of Waynesburg; two sons, D. Kermit Miller of Waynesburg and J. Quentin Miller of Sycamore; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Jennie Waters of Aleppo.



SELECTED — Ann Marie Timcheck, daughter of Joseph and Patricia Timcheck of 118 Bally Avenue, Carmichaels, has been selected by the Carmichaels Area Women's Civic Club as the February girl of the month at Carmichaels Area High School. She is band secretary, treasurer of the National Honor Society, Senior Standing Committee and was a drum majorette. She plans to attend Waynesburg College and major in nursing.



ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Glen H. Snell of Cameron Star Route, Waynesburg, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Anita, to Robert Barclay, son of Mrs. Joann Sedmak of Jefferson R.D. and Samuel Barclay of Waynesburg. Anita is a 1983 graduate of West Greene High School and is employed by Greene County Day Care. Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School and a 1984 graduate of W.I.T. He is employed by R.M. Manufacturing. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Pre-Law Program Offered

WAYNESBURG — Students interested in preparing for law school and a law-related career now have the option of following a pre-law course of study at Waynesburg College.

Dr. R. Michael Smith, who helped design the pre-law option, noted that placement in a law school depends primarily on how well a student performs on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and on how well he does as an undergraduate.

Smith said the goal of the pre-law program at Waynesburg "is to help each student develop an academic program and course of action to meet his or her individual goals. The pre-law option should help a student prepare for the LSAT."

He said that students preparing for admission to law school work with a pre-law adviser at the college. The adviser provides students with information on law school admissions requirements, helps them obtain admission forms from many law schools and can help with scheduling to take the LSAT.

Students interested in careers usually take courses in social science, business, English and history. If an individual expects to pursue a career in a specialized field, they generally will take additional course work that can provide background information for that field.

"Generally, individuals who can reach logical conclusions and express their thoughts clearly are the ones who do well on the LSAT," Smith said. "We believe the pre-law option at Waynesburg College will help students develop the analytical and special skills expected of a person entering law school."

Smith, who joined the college faculty in 1974, serves as its pre-law adviser.

Divorces Granted

WAYNESBURG — Four final decrees in divorce were handed down last week by the Greene County Court:

Stanley Hale Halsey, Jefferson R.D.1, from Glenna Sue Spencer Halsey, Troutdale, Va. They were married April 16, 1956, and have two children.

Donna Mae Dailey Jones, Waynesburg R.D.4, from Frank Jones, Phoenixville, Pa. They were married Sept. 2, 1967, and have two children.

Charles H. Sowden Jr., Greensboro, from Sandra L. Smith Sowden, Dilliner. They were married March 15, 1980. There are no children.

Brenda Jean Pease Marling, New Freeport, from Harry David Marling, Newton Falls, Ohio. They were married July 31, 1983. There are no children.



55th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James F. King Sr. of New Freeport R.D.2, (Box 1A), will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary March 5. The former Hazel M. Strobe, daughter of the late James and Sarah Rush Strobe, and James F. King, son of the late Perry and Frances Dulaney King, were married March 5, 1930, in the First Christian Church of Waynesburg. They are the parents of seven children: James Jr. of Washington, Thomas, Donald, Fred and Joe, all of Waynesburg, Albert of New Freeport, and Mrs. John (Velva K.) Sowden of Mather. They have 24 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Due to poor health, no open house will be held, but cards may be sent to the above address. Mr. King also will celebrate his 78th birthday on March 2.

McEwen Publishes Study

WAYNESBURG — Dr. Fred B. McEwen, professor of English at Waynesburg College, is the author of a critical study on Colette, the well-known French writer who died in the 1950s.

The study was published recently in the set of books entitled "Critical Survey of Long Fiction: Foreign Language Series" which has been published by Salem Press.

McEwen's critique includes a biographical and historical background, a study of leading novels, and critical estimates of Colette.

A member of the Waynesburg College faculty since 1962, McEwen has published numerous critical studies in recent years for various surveys published by Salem Press. In addition, he wrote a lengthy essay in two parts to accompany works which dealt with the authors he critiqued dealing with the "Origins and Development of the English and American Novels from 1740-1890."

In addition, McEwen has had many articles published in the past for a variety of scholarly publications, including "Masterplots Series," "English Journal" and "NEA Journal." His extensive study of Marcel Proust resulted in a number of articles and a special topics course at Waynesburg College involving Proust's novels.

Currently McEwen is under contract to publish a scholarly work on Henry James.

He earned his bachelor's degree

from Allegheny College and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He and his wife Marcia, a public relations consultant, reside in Waynesburg.



CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY — J.L. Longstreth of 165 North Porter Street, Waynesburg, was honored on his 95th birthday with a family dinner on Saturday, Feb. 16, at Waynesburg Restaurant. Joining him were his son, Jim, and his four daughters and sons-in-law, Edith and Kermit Todd, Lucille and J.W. Balderston, Louette and W.C. Grim, and Patricia and Martin Myers, and his granddaughter, Kathy Myers McLane. Among the many birthday cards he received was one from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.



Rotary Helps Lifeline

Members of the Waynesburg Rotary Club purchased a communicator and call button for Lifeline, a 24-hour medical emergency contact system designed for the frail elderly or disabled. The home care service provided by Greene County Memorial Hospital began in December and enables subscribers to get help even when they can't use the telephone. The call button, worn around the neck or on the wrist, activates the communicator on the subscriber's telephone and sends a digital message to the 24-hour emergency response center at the hospital. Dan Gosta, left, Rotary Club president-elect, is shown the equipment by Mary Parkinson, Lifeline volunteer fund raiser; and Ted Rodkey, Lifeline coordinator at Greene County Memorial Hospital.

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Severance Tax On Coal Unrealistic Proposal

Greene County Commissioner Dan Bailey has mounted a familiar horse in proposing that the board of commissioners go charging after a mineraldepletion tax as a solution to the county's fiscal problems.

Previous boards, eyeing the substantial revenues which a coal severance tax would produce, have advocated the same thing in the past, always without success. And there's no reason to think that the State Legislature, which would have to enact the enabling legislation, would be any more receptive to the idea now that it was then, particularly since such a tax would benefit a relatively few areas of the state.

On top of that there is a legitimate question if an already depressed coal industry should be asked to carry any more of the county tax load than it already is bearing.

Coal companies are now paying 44 percent of the county property tax through the assessed values placed on their reserve coal holdings. They are also paying what amounts to a hidden severance tax through a special assessment on "active" coal which requires that they pay 10 times the going rate on coal which is mined in a given year.

Bailey put forth his proposal as an alternative to an increase in the assessment ratio which Commissioners L.R. Santore and John Gardner are considering as a means of solving the county's financial woes.

At the present time, with property assessed at 30 percent of market value, the county has reached the legal limit of 20 mills in its general fund levy. If the ratio were changed to 50 percent of market value, the county could reduce the general fund levy to 12.6 mills and still collect the additional five percent in revenues which it would be permitted to receive in the year following a ratio change. It would also provide the tax base needed to meet budget demands in the years ahead.

Realistically, it is the only feasible way to keep the county solvent without layoffs and drastic cuts in services until the State Legislature sees fit to broaden the taxing powers of county government and end its total dependence on the property tax.



There were several class clowns at the South Ward School back in 1919 as this photograph would indicate. Perhaps the photographer asked for a showing of tongues rather than expecting the children to all say "cheese." Although most of

the clowning was done by the male students at the school one little girl in back joined the boys in mugging for the photographer.

In Central Greene

Extra Special Education Wins Approval

By Bob Eichenlaub, Greene County Editor

WAYNESBURG — The Central Greene School Board at its last meeting authorized the establishment of two additional special education classes.

Superintendent Nancy Davis said that identification of an increasing number of students who need special services has made it necessary to add the classes for the 1985-86 school year. One will be added at Margaret Bell

Miller Middle School and the other at Waynesburg Central High School.

They will serve a mixed category of educable mentally retarded, socially-emotionally disturbed, and learning disabled students. The district currently operates five such classes — two at the elementary level, one at the middle school and two at the high school. In addition, the Intermediate Unit currently operates a special education class at the elementary level.

In matters involving personnel, the board accepted the resignation of Athletic Director John H. Cassidy, who is planning to retire at the end of the current school year after 30 years of service as a physical education teacher, coach and athletic director.

The board also accepted the resignation of Don Roddy as assistant varsity football coach and of Sue Dugan as head coach of the girls' track team, a position she has held for the past seven years.

An apparent low bid of \$2,126 was received from Bryan Cole of Waynesburg R.D.4 for demolition of a house at the corner of Morgan and Elm Streets. The house was purchased recently to enable the district to enlarge the middle school parking lot.

Bill Turby Sales and Service, Carmichaels, submitted an apparent low bid of \$14,318 for a one-ton truck equipped with dump platform and snow plow.

Both bids were referred to committee for a recommendation to be given at the next meeting.

A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 26, to consider refinancing the 1983 bond issue, which is a combination of the 1967 issue for construction of the high school and the 1975 issue for construction of the middle school. A total of \$9.2 million remains to be paid.

Business Manager Walter Stout said refinancing the 1983 issue to take advantage of lower interest rates could save as much as \$185,000 in 1985-86.

The board approved revision of the school calendar to make up three days missed in January due to snow. One of the days was already made up

by holding classes on Feb. 18 (Presidents Day). The other two will be made up by holding classes on Wednesday and Thursday, April 3 and 4, which had been scheduled as part of the Easter vacation.

The Intermediate Unit budget for 1985-86 of \$950,262 was approved, including a contribution of \$223,826 from the 25 school districts in the unit.

AROUND TOWN

By THE STAFF

Ethel G. Miller of Waynesburg observed her 95th birthday last week at the Wise Rest Home. She and her late husband, Walter W. Miller have four children: Jeannette J. Husk and D. Kermit Miller of Waynesburg, J. Quentin Miller of Sycamore and H. Lucille Yeager of Waynesburg.

Stephen and Christine Youchik of Waynesburg R.D.2 are announcing the birth of a daughter, Shanna Karen on Feb. 18 in Washington Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Blair of Rolling Meadows Road, Waynesburg and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Youchik of Clarksville. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Helen Youchik.

In area servicemen news: Navy Seaman Recruit Michael H. Gatrell, son of Judy Eaton of 36 Valley Farm Drive, Waynesburg, has completed recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill. and Airman Charles D. Strobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strobe of Waynesburg has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. after completing basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blosser of Crago Avenue, Waynesburg, enjoyed a three-day jaunt to Atlantic City, N.J. earlier this week.

Still blushing with success after last year's show, the planning committee for "Follies '85" are already planning for another show under the chairmanship of Steve Mariner and Jeanne Stacher. The show will again be sponsored by Greene County Memorial Hospital and the Greater Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds are split between the two organizations.

The Waynesburg Library Club recently celebrated its 82nd anniversary at a dinner held in Benedum Hall on the Waynesburg College campus. Several 25-year members were recognized. Dorothea Rinehart is president of the organization.

The final phase of the downtown revitalization project was completed last week when borough employees placed new trash containers along the two-block area between Morgan and Morris streets. They are larger and more functional than the old ones.

Waynesburg College, having won the District 18, NAIA championship, will be host for all playoff games which could lead to another trip to Kansas City and the national championships. Coach Rudy Marisa and his players finished the season with a 20-4 record but were unranked in the national standings.

Mrs. William I. Kiger of Waynesburg was the first to call the office and report a "robin" in her yard. "Spring is here," she said and also reported having seen a groundhog a few days earlier.

Charges Dropped In Cases Set For Trial

WAYNESBURG — Charges were dropped Friday against defendants in two cases which had been listed for trial during the current term of Greene County Criminal Court.

At the request of District Attorney Charles Morris, Judge Glenn Toothman nolo prossed charges against David Bruce Rigger of Oliphant Furnace R.D.2 and Robert Cecil Kisner of Mt. Morris.

Morris said that he and the state police officer who arrested Rigger on charges of theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief felt there was insufficient evidence to warrant taking the case to trial.

In the case of Kisner, who was charged with criminal mischief, Morris said the person who brought the charge as a private prosecution had requested its withdrawal.

In three other cases which were on the trial list, defendants were admitted to the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program following court hearings.

James Dale Harshman of 502 Fifth Street, Mather, was ordered to pay \$100 in administration costs plus court costs and was placed on probation for one year. He was charged with making false reports to law enforcement authorities.

John Richard Lenhoff of 174 West Elm Street, Waynesburg, who was charged with driving while intoxicated, was ordered to pay court costs, \$250 in administrative costs and was placed on probation for one year. He was also ordered to attend driver improvement school and his operator's license was suspended for 30 days.

Allen D. Pebley Jr. of Holbrook Star Route was ordered to pay \$150 in administrative costs and court costs; was ordered to make restitution, and was placed on probation for one year. He was charged with accidents involving death or personal injury, reckless driving, and failure to have required registration and certificate of title.

Substance Abuse Confab

'Caution: Kindness Can Be Dangerous'

WAYNESBURG — A Greene County conference on substance abuse will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 8, on the Waynesburg College campus.

The conference is aimed at increasing both drug and alcohol knowledge and intervention skills in the Greene County area.

Attendees will represent medical, social service and education professions as well as the community at large.

Co-sponsoring the conference are CARE, Inc., the Washington / Greene Prevention Corp., Greene County Memorial Hospital and Washington-Greene Drug and Alcohol Planning Commission.

Featured speaker for the conference entitled, "Caution: Kindness Can Be Dangerous to the Alcoholic and the Family," will be Dr. Abraham Twerski of St. Francis Hospital and Gateway Rehabilitation Center.

A leader in the treatment of chemical dependency, Twerski will address the necessity for community and professional understanding of this disease. Well-known as medical director of Gateway Rehabilitation Center, Twerski is clinical director of the Department of Psychiatry at St. Francis Hospital.

A graduate of Marquette University School of Medicine, Twerski has authored many articles and books including, "Caution: Kindness Can Be Dangerous to the Alcoholic," "It Happens to Doctors, Too" and "Self Discovery In Recovery."

Twerski is past president and chairman of the board of the Alle-



DR. ABRAHAM TWERSKI

gheny County Medical Society. Speaking on family addiction will be Suzanne Anderson, clinical family therapist at Gateway; C. deRicci Horwatt, prevention specialist at Gateway; and Patricia Lutz, outpatient director for CARE, Inc.

Other events include a family intervention role play and Burgettstown High School health club students will present, "Teens for Prevention." Speakers will be Jane Owen from Washington / Greene Prevention Corp. and David Boyd, pharmacist, complete the afternoon presentations.

Lunch will be catered by the Lettuce Patch and is included in the \$10 registration fee.

Everyone is invited to take part in this event in Buhl Hall. For reservations call 627-6108 by March 5.



between the bookends

by marcia mckenna biddle



Remember when the Chicago paper announced that Dewey had defeated Truman? Well, we did it, too.

We don't brag about it much. In fact, we've managed to keep it fairly quiet for a hundred years. But the painful facts remain. On Nov. 5, 1884, the "Waynesburg Republican" now owned by the Observer Publishing Co., put out an "extra." And proclaimed James G. Blaine president of the United States. Uh-oh.

The presidential campaign of 1884 was one of our more unsavory ones, with religious bigotry and tales of illegitimate children rampant. I would hesitate even to repeat the charges today, but 1884's "Republican" had no such scruples. That paper was, you might say, involved.

In an issue shortly before the election, it detailed campaign activities, such as "the Republicans of Perry Township" raising a liberty pole in somebody's yard, a "Blaine and Logan" pole-raising at Rogersville, the stealing of a Republican flag by the Democrats, and a torchlight parade through Waynesburg. Participants in these events, said the paper, were models of decorum and patriotism.

On the other hand, a number of local Democrats attended a Grover Cleveland rally in Wheeling, and their behavior was duly reported: "Whiskey was freely used last Saturday at Wheeling, and some who went from here commenced their bacchanalian orgies on the streets and kept it up all the night before they left, disturbing the peace of citizens in their beds, and came home on Sunday morning in the same drunken condition, and some of them boys in their teens, too."

In this obviously totally unbiased report, it was also said that on the train home, "the Washington boys got into a fight with the Waynesburg boys."

It's a wonder there were any Democrats left to go to the polls. But with the Republicans supposedly engaging high-mindedly in intellectual discussions of "our noble cause," for Blaine, and the Democrats cavorting in "Bacchanalian orgies," for Cleveland, the outcome of the election could probably have been predicted.

Not by our newspaper, though. On the fateful Nov. 5, somebody jumped the gun. Under the banner, "Republican Extra," is given the motto — "Turn the Rascals Out!"

Under that a typesetting enthusiast printed, "GLORY!" And a drawing of Blaine and Logan with, "They Carry Every Northern State If We Except New Jersey Which is in Doubt."

An anonymous artist enlivened the page with a drawing of a typical

"Democrat in Waynesburg at Midnight Tuesday." The reported loser is shown, with monkey-like face, pushing a body in a wheelbarrow." He is "Wheeling Off the Dead and Wounded."

Grover Cleveland is then shown in caricature holding a wailing baby. But I said we wouldn't get into that story here. Anyway, Cleveland "Carries the Sad News of His Defeat to Mariar and the Baby. They Receive the Same With Tears of Joy Joy, as do Millions of Others," because, "Lies, Forgeries, & etc., Would Not Win. Truth and Honesty Prevails."

On the back of the page, we find a story headed, "He Laughs Best Who Laughs Last. The Town Painted Red." "Early last night the Democracy made things lively. In the morning the Republicans laughed. All dispatches this evening confirm Blaine's election. The boys are having a glorious time at the Town Hall tonight. The tin horns are making the streets howl! Don't the Republicans feel happy!"

I wonder when the truth finally interfered with the news, and whose face was reddest. But I like it. It puts the "Waynesburg Republican" in the record books.

public records

WAYNESBURG — The following deeds were recorded last week in the office of Greene County Register and Recorder Thomas Headlee:

Cumberland Township
Josephine D. Mekey, Carmichaels, to Kenneth L. and Sharon E. Tennant, Carmichaels, house and lot, \$27,500.

Dunkard Township
William N. and Dorothy E. Pratt, Bobtown, to Harlen Ray Pratt, Elmhurst, N.Y., lot, Bobtown, no consideration.

Freeport Township
John L. Renner Estate, Gilmore Township, to Indigo Land and Development Inc., Fairfax, Va., 535 acres Gilmore and Freeport Townships, \$92,000.

Richhill Township
William B. and Margy E. Lancaster, Cumberland Township, to Rickie E. and Shelley J. Rohm, Richhill Township, 10 acres, \$12,000.

Springhill Township
William F. Prendergast, Alliance, Ohio, to Claude D. Barnhart, Aleppo R.D.1, 2 acres, \$500.

Wayne Township
Consol Land Development Co. to Consolidation Coal Company, 261 acres, Perry and Wayne Townships, \$180,000.

Waynesburg
Norma Jean Blackhurst Estate to Robert J. and Lois R. Tarbet, Waynesburg, house and lot, Ross Street, \$33,000.

G. J. Nader and Betty R. Nader, Waynesburg, to Paul L. and Kay Callihan, Marietta, Ohio, house and lot, Franklin Street, \$30,000.

Jackets Struggle On Way To Title

By John Barker, O-R Sports Staff

WAYNESBURG — On a night when they should have been dancing in the streets, there was room for concern.

Yes, Waynesburg College's basketball team defeated supposedly woeful Alliance, 91-84, at College Gym Wednesday night and clinched the District 18 championship for the second consecutive season.

But, for a championship calibre team, the Yellow Jackets were either missing gears in their drive for excellence or Alliance has fooled just about everybody in the district.

Alliance head coach Ted Haluch had an explanation for the near upset.

"We put forth a greater effort, of course, because they are the No. 1 team in the district," Haluch said. "And, the edge may have been off them a little because it's hard to get up for a game like this."

The Eagles, now 0-12 in the district and a mystifying 1-21 overall, had little trouble getting up for the game and had considerable talent to go with it.

Waynesburg, now 19-4 overall and a first-place 13-2 in the district, played exceptionally well at times but looked unorganized at others. Thanks to a 58-50 win by Westminster over Point Park last night, however, the Jackets are assured the district crown and can now work on improving on their performance against Alliance.

"They have been scoring 80 points a game so they had four over their average tonight," Waynesburg head coach Rudy Marisa said. "Generally, if you put things in perspective, they have a lot of firepower. This team was

picked to do so much better than they have.

"I'm disappointed that they wizzed the ball past our ears and got it under the basket on us but they've done that against everybody."

Alliance did it very well against the Jackets. The Eagles never trailed Waynesburg by more than four points in the first half and actually led, 32-30, with 3:19 left in the half. Harold Hamlin, who led Waynesburg, with 20 points, kept his team in the game with two rousing dunks and another tip slam.

Teammate Don Crawford, who also had 20 points (his career high for the Jackets) picked things up in the second half.

"I knew they were concerned with covering Paul (Stanley) so when I got the ball I wanted to score some," Crawford, a senior, said. "I know I have to score for us to be a better

team and tonight I was getting the ball. We couldn't get it to Paul as much so Theron (Hogue) and I had to score more."

Hogue, a sophomore, pitched in 17 points and 11 rebounds while Stanley, covered with a box-and-one by Alliance, struggled to score 17.

Luckily for Waynesburg it had balanced scoring because Alliance never gave up. In fact, with Ron Richards bombing away from 20 to 30 feet for most of his game-high 30 points and Mike Masley battling inside for 24 more, the game wasn't decided until the final moments.

Alliance trailed 64-50 with 11:34 to play but came back. Guards Jeff Bell and Shawn McAllister managed to turn a couple turnovers into baskets and the Eagles cut the lead to 66-62 with 8:35 to play.

Waynesburg, which made 21 of 27 free throws, held on down the stretch,

however.

"We play better against better teams," Haluch said. "In the last four, or five we've been playing 20 minutes of good basketball but it seems in the second half we get behind and have to play catch up. Tonight we were down but kept our poise."

Waynesburg now plays at Pitt-Bradford Saturday night in its final regular-season game. "We played to win tonight," said Marisa. "Last year we had it wrapped up two weeks in advance. This year we've been playing every game like it's a must. With the victory, now we don't have to."

The district playoffs, which have eight of the nine teams participating, begin March 1. Waynesburg will have home-court advantage throughout in hopes of repeating a trip to Kansas City, Mo., for the NAIA national playoffs.

Jackets In Playoffs

By John Barker, O-R Sports Staff

The fact that there were two upsets and a mild surprise in District 18 games Saturday is ample reason for coaches in the district to sweat a little this week.

The post-season playoffs start Friday night and three consecutive victories earn a district championship and a trip to Kansas City, Mo., for the NAIA national tournament.

At Waynesburg College, head coach Rudy Marisa realizes the importance of each game and plans to

have his team very prepared for its first-round game against Penn State-Behrend at 8 p.m. in new College Gym.

Saturday, also in first-round action, Point Park plays at Westminster (3 p.m.); Pitt-Bradford plays at Geneva (7:30 p.m.) and St. Vincent hosts La Roche (8 p.m.).

"I have the same feeling all the coaches in the district have. All the teams start anew and you have to get through three playoff games," Marisa said. "If you get upset it's the end. We have to take it game-by-game and try to avoid a letdown."

The Yellow Jackets (20-4 overall) haven't had many problems lately, winning 10 consecutive games on the way to sewing up home court advantage throughout the playoffs if they continue to win.

"Playing at home... it depends on how we react," Marisa said. "In fact, we've played our better games on the road so if we go in with a slight feeling of complacency we could get knocked off."

The defending District 18 champs also have a winning tradition on their side. Waynesburg advanced to the NAIA national quarterfinals last season and to the final 32 in the 1980-1981 season and had the homecourt advantage in the district playoffs on both occasions.

On the other hand, the last team to win back-to-back District 18 titles was

Edinboro, no longer a member of the NAIA, in 1975-76.

This season, the Jackets defeated Behrend twice — 100-62 in Erie and 77-48 at home.

Saturday night, in the Jackets' final regular-season game, they defeated Pitt-Bradford, 88-84. Paul Stanley scored a game-high 28 points while Harold Hamlin added 23, Tim McConnell 15 and Theron Hogue 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"I thought Pitt-Bradford really came after us strong this time compared to at our place when they seemed a little down," said Marisa after his team improved to 14-2 in the district. "They played much better against us this time and wanted to win their last regular game for their coach on their court (UPB coach Dick Danielson has resigned and will leave the team after the season). The fact that we withstood that and beat them says a lot. They are a very good basketball team."

"I think all the guys had a hand in the win," said Marisa. "Theron Hogue had 13 rebounds and played a real strong game. Paul scored his points and played very determined while Harold, Tim and Donny (Crawford) did, too. Chris Bills, who came off the bench as our sixth man, also played well."

Waynesburg has now won 45 of its last 55 games and reached 20 wins for the sixth time in the last seven seasons.



Observer-Reporter/Christie Molzon

Waynesburg's Chris Bills (50) runs into Mike Masley of Alliance after a shot.

FC Puts Pioneers' Hopes To Rest

By Denise Bachman, O-R Sports Staff

MCDONALD — Thanks to his family and friends, Duane Day will finally get the good night's sleep for which he's been longing.

His restless ways began to subside early Tuesday morning when his wife, Christine, gave birth to their second son.

And they ended Tuesday night when his wrestling team at Fort Cherry High School staved off a gutsy effort by West Greene, 37-24, in the first round of the WPIAL Class AA Team Tournament. The win advances the Rangers to the semifinals Thursday (8 p.m.) at Chartiers Valley, where they'll meet Carlynton, a 30-28 winner over defending Double-A champion Beth-Center.

"I'm tired and exhausted," said Day.

He's also happy, even though the match was not without some tense moments for Day and the top-seeded Rangers, now 10-2 overall.

The Pioneers, with upset hopes on their minds, charged to an early 18-0 lead behind their dependable foursome. Jeff Hamilton started the streak with a fall over Jim Gubitti at 98 pounds. That was followed by a 17-9 major decision by Paul Walker over Jim Moore (105); a 12-5 decision by Kevin Huff (112) over Brian Cook; and an 18-6 superior victory by Scott Durbin (119) over Greg Duran.

"We did what we had to do in the first four weights," West Greene head coach Buzz Walters said. "I was surprised the way we dominated there. But we knew we had to stay off our backs up top to stay in it. I did not feel comfortable."

Ironically, Day wasn't too ill at ease.

"I wasn't that surprised," said Day, who has guided the Rangers to the Section 9 title the past two seasons. "I was hoping and figuring we had to get one win out of those four. Come Thursday or Saturday, we can't afford to let that happen."

"I don't think we have too many weak spots. Somebody will pull us through. But I don't like losing four in a row."

Warren Terhorst (126) assured the Rangers they wouldn't see the fifth. As a matter of fact, Terhorst's fall at

1:46 over Mark Miller started a string of seven consecutive victories by the Rangers.

"I was worried but I wasn't scared," said Day, alluding to the 18-0 deficit. "You have to have confidence in the boys. I was a little more nervous, but I'm nervous even when we're up by 12. I depend on all the seniors."

The seniors, as well as the underclassmen, all came through in the middle for the Rangers. Brad Wurtzer (132) pinned Dion Medlin at 3:49; Alan Fasnacht (138) picked up a 13-2 major decision over Bob Simms; Brad Toker (145) registered a fall

over Jamie Levine at 3:12; Jeff Lukan (155) held off Bill Crawford 11:4; Rick Kaposy (167) pinned Bob Strobe at 2:53; and Dan Gregg (185) pinned Roger Hall in 18 seconds.

"I needed a pin because the team was a little bit down," Terhorst said. "We felt pretty confident. The guys who didn't put out today will put out on Thursday."

In an effort to pad the Pioneers' lead, Walters made a move at 138, inserting Medlin at 132 and moving Simms up to 138. The move backfired, and helped spell defeat for the Pioneers, who came into the tournament as a wild-card entrant from

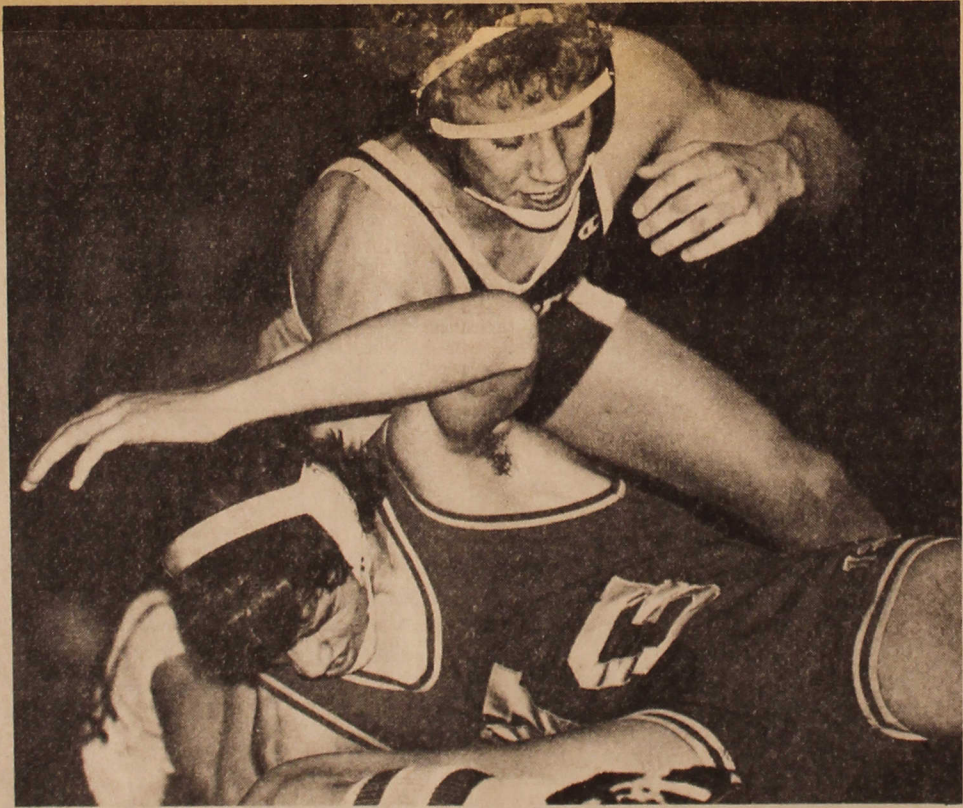
Section 8. They finish the season with a 9-4 record.

"It didn't work out. But anytime I make a move I take the blame," Walters said. "It's my fault."

"I think it's a tribute to the team and my coaches we got this far. We were out there to win the match. We gave it a shot. They just got the pins when they needed pins."

Heavyweight Mike Main finished the match the same way it started for the Pioneers, pinning Tom Weaverling at 3:55.

"This was good for us," Day said. "We may have our backs against the wall again."



Observer-Reporter / Bob Galbraith

Brad Wurtzer of Fort Cherry takes down the Pioneers' Dion Medlin in their 132-pound bout.

Red Raiders Take Last Step In Tourney

By Tom Rose, O-R Sports Editor

HEIDELBERG — As a basketball program on the mend with the arrival of a young, energetic coach, Waynesburg Central High School had to learn to crawl before it could walk.

This year the Red Raiders, with the finest season in recent history, had to learn to walk before they could run.

And after playing Hopewell High School in Friday night's first round of the WPIAL Class AAA basketball tournament, the Raiders found out just what they have to learn to run with the elite.

Waynesburg's season came to a crashing end here, as the Hopewell Vikings ran past the Raiders 91-62. It was a difficult finish to what has been a remarkable rebuilding job by Waynesburg head coach Glen Kyle.

Or, was it just the beginning?

"I don't think these guys realize the step they've taken with the season we've had," Kyle said as he stepped around the corner of a dressing room that only echoed the sound of running

water. "Even though we didn't win the section, we've made some great strides for the teams that are coming up. We may be a little small next year, but our junior high team went 20-2. Things are looking up."

But they weren't for the Raiders against Hopewell, as they were simply overmatched against the Beaver County school where basketball is a year-round endeavor and where a playoff berth isn't just a goal, it's an obsession.

"I didn't know anything about them," Hopewell coach Bill Lechman said. "I didn't even know what section they came from, just that they finished second. All I knew is that they were a wrestling school."

Ouch.

"That's what we've fought for four years," Kyle said. "The kids have always said 'Why doesn't anyone ever follow us?' I told them if we win, people will follow us. In the past, the basketball teams here have lived under the laurels of the wrestlers and always looked for reasons and excuses. But this group made up their

minds to go out and do something about it. They decided to go out and play ball."

As Kyle admitted, the Raiders, who end their season 14-8 overall, did not play well but did play hard. Their first playoff appearance brought the anticipated nervous tension and, coupled with Hopewell's potent offense, proved too much to handle.

The elimination for Waynesburg came early. The Vikings, now 15-8 overall and headed for a second round matchup with third-seeded Brentwood, parlayed a 13-8 lead with 4:30 left in the first quarter into a 23-8 advantage three minutes later. The Raiders would only score four points in the final 4:30 and were staring at a 31-12 deficit after just one quarter.

Waynesburg regrouped and outscored the Vikings 19-18 in the second quarter, but by that time the matter had been decided.

"They were in a zone to start the game and we just shot the eyes out of the basket," Lechman said. "At first their man-to-man was giving us some problem and we got a little dis-

oriented. But then once we got into the swing of things we were able to get the ball inside to our post men."

While Hopewell's defense left something to be desired at times, Waynesburg was also victimized by 33 turnovers, a tribute to the playoff jitters.

Mark Dukate, who played his final game for Waynesburg along with John Wion, Tim Jackovic and Troy Milliken, led Waynesburg with 18 points while point guard Steve Stuck had 12, Wion 11 and John Adams 10.

The five Hopewell starters finished in double figures, with center Ken McClintock getting 17 points and Scott Mason and Mike Welsh adding 16 each.

"I guess it's pretty quiet now and I know those guys probably aren't in the mood to talk much," Kyle said, "but they've accomplished a lot more than any other recent Waynesburg team has done. It's been a hell of a long time since one of our teams has earned its way into the playoffs. Hopefully, this is just the start for us."

Lady Raiders' Season Is Over

HEMPFIELD — The season came to a disappointing end for the Waynesburg Central High School girls basketball team here Tuesday night.

The Lady Raiders were eliminated from the WPIAL Class AAA playoffs, dropping a 62-53 decision to Yough in first-round action at Hempfield High School.

But the Lady Raiders, who finished second in Section 11 this season, didn't go down without a fight.

They showed a lot of character, rebounding from a 17-point deficit at one time to pull within two with 1:03 remaining to play.

However, Yough, the Section 10 second-place finisher with a 13-7 record, spelled defeat for Waynesburg, coming through in the clutch at the foul line in the fourth quarter. Yough converted 12 out of 19 attempts from the foul line throughout the game.

"I am so proud of these kids, they never gave an inch," first-year Waynesburg head coach Nick Mandich said. "They had guts on top of guts. They just would not give up. They were here to prove something. We wanted to come in and get a little respect for the school."

"Now we got a lot of respect."

Tammy McIntire, the Lady Raiders' junior sensation, scored a game-high 24 points. And her absence was felt in the fourth quarter when she fouled out with five minutes remaining.

Debbie Trader added 13 points for Waynesburg, which finishes the season with a 13-7 mark.

The Lady Raiders trailed 36-24 at halftime, but continued to battle back. They outscored Yough, 18-13, in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough.

"We had our shots; we just didn't put them down," Mandich said. "We fouled them when we had to. We did everything we had to do to win."

Teresa Woods scored 20 points for Yough, while teammates Lori Minkes and Lisa McWilliams chipped in with 17 and 11 points, respectively.

The Lady Raiders, who converted 13 of 22 attempts from the foul line, started to turn things around in the beginning of the second half.

They started to press when they went to a 1-3-1 zone. According to Mandich, the defense started to create some turnovers.

At the end of the third quarter, Waynesburg went to a 1-2-2 press and the turnovers continued to come its way.

However, there's still room for celebration in Waynesburg. The Lady Raiders return four of five starters,

losing only Natalie Braddock to graduation.

"I'm real satisfied with my first season," Mandich said. "Our goal was to make it to the playoffs. I'll tell you, if I had to look over the season these kids worked so very hard. Like I say, this is great for them."

Raiders 45, Rockets 18

WAYNESBURG — Waynesburg High School's wrestling team raised its overall record to 5-7 via a 45-18 exhibition victory over Jeff-Morgan Wednesday night.

Shane Cole (112), Dave McWilliams (126) and Greg Ayersman (132) recorded falls for the Red Raiders, who took advantage of four forfeit wins in the process. Dirk Cole (155) posted a regular decision.

Heavyweight John Giubileo recorded the Rockets' only fall, while Tim Starostanko (167) and Alan Hagar (185) won by decision. J-M also had one win by forfeit.

Mikes 52, Colonials 18

CARMICHAELS — All but one match resulted in a pin Wednesday when Carmichaels High School wrestlers defeated Albert Gallatin 52-18.

The only winner not recording a fall was the Mikes' heavyweight Jeff Swift with a major decision.

Carmichaels had pins by Rick Rodavich (105); Jeff Woodring (112); Bob Zalar (119); Pete Pratt (126); Bruce Guesman (132); Barry Guesman (138); Jim Woodring (155) and Hank Workman (167).

The Colonials scored on falls by Dave Lowery (98); Ed Battles (145) and John Diamond (185).

Raiders 48, Maples 11

MAPLETOWN — Mapletown High School's wrestling team managed but two wins as Uniontown notched an easy 48-11 exhibition win here Wednesday night.

The Maples, who are now 4-7 overall, received a 17-1 superior decision by Bill Sowden (105), while Tom Pekar (167) won by forfeit.

Registering falls for Uniontown were Joe Lukaesko (112), Pat Correal (119), Bob Malik (138), Mike Mullin (145), Pat Tressler (185) and heavyweight Jeff Spinetti.

Rockettes 44, Trojans 25

CALIFORNIA — Tammy Bedillion scored 11 points and teammate Lisa Schamp added 10 as Jefferson-Morgan girls rolled past California, 44-25, in a Section 19-A game.

County Obituaries

Roy A. Lynch

Roy A. Lynch, 82, Waynesburg R.D.4, died at 1:30 p.m. Friday, February 22, 1985 in Greene County Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He was born August 3, 1902 at Milltown, Ind., a son of James A. and Mary Lynch. He resided in Indiana during his early life and had made his home at Waynesburg for the past 50 years.

Mr. Lynch was a veteran of both World War I and World War II, having served with the Army in Europe in both wars. Until his retirement in 1964 he was employed as a miner at the Ellsworth Mine of Bethlehem Steel.

He was a Protestant by faith and a member of James Farrell Post 330, American Legion; Waynesburg Post 4973, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Waynesburg Moose Lodge 469, and Waynesburg Eagles Aerie 598.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Negley Lynch; two daughters, Mrs. Harry (Mary) Zehner of Waynesburg R.D.4 and Mrs. Dennis (Phyllis) Zellers of LaBelle; five grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Gardner of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Ida Mae Miller of Corydon, Ind. and Mrs. Eschol Kelley of Clarksville, Ind., and several nieces and nephews.

Four brothers, Orville, Fred, Frank and Robert Lynch, are deceased.

James A. Montgomery

James A. (Pete) Montgomery, 79, of 1785 Morris Street, Waynesburg, (Morrisville), died at 5:45 p.m., Friday, February 22, 1985, in Washington Hospital, following a long illness.

He was born November 3, 1905, in Franklin Township, a son of Charles L. and Pearl Paul Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery had resided all of his life in the Morrisville community and was a member of the Oak View United Methodist Church.

A veteran of World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in Europe. He was a member of the James Farrell Post 330 of the American Legion.

In 1970, he retired from the Manufacturer's Light and Heat Co. (now Columbia Gas) after 45 years of service. He was also a member of the Quarter Century Club of Columbia Gas.

Surviving are his wife, Mary P. Montgomery; a step-daughter, Mrs. David (Linda) Arbogast of Waynesburg; a step-son, Rick Cummins of Waynesburg; and three grandsons, Quentin and Duane Arbogast and George Michael Cummins; an aunt, Mrs. Anna Rea of Washington; and a sister-in-law, Betty Montgomery Bailey of Carmichaels.

Deceased are two brothers, Paul and Charles Montgomery.

Jesse J. Eddy

Jesse J. Eddy, 86, of Waynesburg R.D.4, died Saturday, February 23, 1985, at 12:45 p.m. in the Greene County Memorial Hospital, following a long illness.

He was born July 19, 1899, in Gilmore Township, a son of William and Lucy Conaway Eddy.

Mr. Eddy had worked for 17 years as a coal miner for the Nemaquin Mine and later on pipeline construction. In 1977, he retired from the Central Greene School District where he had worked 17 years as a custodian and for two years as a security guard.

A former resident of Pine Bank, he had resided in Waynesburg for the past eight years.

On November 25, 1925, he married Dorothy Morris Eddy, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kathryn Yeager, Mary Barlow and Lucy Crawford, all of Pine Bank R.D.1; eight sons, Spencer Raymond of Waynesburg R.D.5, Joseph of Lincoln, Neb., Jesse of Waynesburg, Louis of Waynesburg R.D.4, Arthur of Cameron Star Route, Waynesburg, Charles of Aleppo R.D.1, Ronald of Waynesburg R.D.4, Lawrence of Pittsburgh; 60 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; one brother, Edward Eddy of Deep Valley; a half-brother, Samuel Cross of Waynesburg; three half-sisters, Marie Phillips of Waynesburg R.D.5, Bessie Latchshaw of Clinton, and Norma Cole of Charleston, W.Va.

A son, Terry, and three brothers, Merle, Norval and Arthur, are deceased.

Sally McNeely

Sally McNeely, 79, of 259 South Morris Street, Waynesburg, died Monday, February 25, 1985, in Greene County Memorial Hospital.

She was born May 23, 1905, in Rogersville to Charles and Emma Morris McNeely.

A homemaker, her entire life was spent in Greene County and she was a Protestant.

Surviving are two brothers, Charles (Mack) McNeely and Asa McNeely, both of Waynesburg; her son-in-law, Burl Price of Waynesburg R.D.4; eight grandchildren: Mrs. Terry (Marcia) Morris of Waynesburg; Charles Price of Waynesburg R.D.1; Barbara Murphy of Standfordville, N.Y.; Mrs. Steven (Sally) Pachel of Elkins, W.Va.; Mrs. Clarence (Hollie) Ely of Waynesburg; Blair Price of America, N.Y.; Brian (Butch) Price, at home and Mrs. Doug (Debbie) Closser of Rogersville and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Clara Price; two brothers, Harry and Hart and five sisters, Ellen Thomas, Lucy Wood, Artie Eagon, Mace McNeely and Dora Daugherty.

Gertrude D. Kline

Gertrude Dayton Kline, 78, formerly of Rices Landing, died at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, February 24, 1985, in Greene County Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

She was born July 8, 1906, to Joseph and Anna Belle Grimm Dayton.

Most of her life was spent in the Rices Landing area and until her retirement was employed as a house-mother at the Elwyn Institute in Media. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Waynesburg.

Her husband Evans B. Kline died in 1943.

Surviving are a son, Lee Kline of Springfield, Va.; a brother Orville Dayton of Waynesburg R.D.1 and two sisters, Devona H. Baily of Carmichaels and Violet Grey of Los Angeles.

Deceased are two brothers, Joseph and Earl and two sisters, Charlotte Young and Pearl Dukate.

John Steve Henderson

John Steve Henderson, 64, of Waynesburg R.D.5, died at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 1985, in his home following an illness of nine months.

He was born February 9, 1921, in Franklin Township, a son of the late John L. Henderson and Inez Crile Henderson Cowell. On June 29, 1949 he married Lois Briggs, who survives.

Mr. Henderson was a coal miner for over 40 years. He had first been employed by the Mather Mine until its closing in 1964, then work at the Robena Mine until it closed.

He was a veteran of World War II having served in the Army Air Force as a radar technician in the Pacific Theater.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Lois Briggs Henderson, are one sister, Mrs. Darrel (Pearl) Taylor, of Waynesburg; and four brothers, Leo Henderson, of Temple Hills, Md., Wray Henderson, of Williamsfield, Ohio, Willie Henderson, of Partlow, Va., and Earl Henderson, of Bowie, Md.

Deceased are two sisters, Ruth and Eva, and two brothers, David and Harry Marvin Henderson.

Speed Skaters Take Medals

LA VALE, Md. — Members of the Valley Speed Team of Greene County captured several medals at a speed roller skating meet held here Sunday in the Tri-State Speed League.

Douglas Flinn won gold medals in the 500-meter race for juvenile boys and the 500-meter race for Open C boys. He also won a bronze medal for his third place finish in the 1,000-meter race for masters men.

Lil Grenz took a silver medal in the 1,000-meter for masters ladies while Brenda Lahew took a silver medal in the 1,000-meter race for sophomore ladies and a bronze medal in the sophomore ladies relays.

Pam Frease won a bronze medal in the 1,000-meter race for masters men.

auction prices

WAYNESBURG — Prices paid for livestock at the weekly Thursday auction in Waynesburg on Feb. 21 are:

Feeder bulls and steers, \$38 to \$67.50 per hundred weight; feeder steers, 50 to 62.50; feeder bulls, 48 to 59.50; feeder heifers, 45 to 55.50.

Slaughter steers, good to choice, none available; medium to good, 53 to 58.50; common to medium, 41.50 to 52.50; Holstein steers, 41.50 to 48; slaughter heifers, good to choice, none available; medium to good, 47 to 54; common to medium, 41 to 46.

Bulls, heavy, 44 to 51.75; light, 38 to 43.50; cows, stock, none available; utility, 41 to 43.50; canners, 33 to 40; commercial to good, 36 to 40; cull, 33 and down.

Veals, good to choice, 82.50 to 101; medium to good, 67 to 80; common to medium, 55 to 65; cull, 54 and down; calves return to farm, 20 to 82.50.

Hogs, top quality, 47 to 49; heavy, 45 to 49; light, 35 to 44; sows, 42 to 49.50; male hogs, 32 to 35.

Lambs, 68 to 72; feeder lambs, 57 to 68; cull lambs, 55 and down; sheep, 24 to 33.50.

Horses, 24 to 31; ponies, 5 to 22.



ASSIGNED — Airman Charles D. Strope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Strope of Cameron Star Route, Waynesburg, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training. He will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.



The Grazing Is Easy

Farm animals were able to move about their pastures this week with greater ease as the recent warm temperatures

eliminated much of the snow that covered the ground for the past five weeks. A pair of sheep are able to graze freely on top of a hill along LR 30049 in Whiteley Township Thursday afternoon.



Mr. and Mrs. Will Bert Marshall

Anniversary Celebrated

WAYNESBURG — Mr. and Mrs. Will Bert Marshall of Waynesburg R.D.1 will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 3, with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Jefferson American Legion Home.

Eva Kesow of Charleston, W.Va., and Will Bert Marshall, formerly of

Mooresville, W.Va., were married March 3, 1935, in Harmony Grove, W.Va. They are the parents of two daughters, Mary at home and Barbara of Freeport; and four sons, David of Eastlake, Ohio, Paul of Seattle, Wash., William of Pittsburgh, and Victor of Waynesburg. They have four grandchildren.

police report

Man Arrested

CARMICHAELS — An 18-year-old Cumberland Township man was arrested Monday in connection with the Jan. 27 theft of a car belonging to Robert Ritenour of McClellandtown.

Cumberland Township Police Chief Philip Carter filed charges against Stephen Kotarsky of House 164, Nemaquin. He was arraigned before Magistrate Emil Bertugli of Carmichaels and remanded to the Greene County jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

Carter said the Ribenour vehicle was stolen from the parking lot of the No. 1 shaft of the Nemaquin mine. It was found stuck in a ditch later the same night.

Driver Pinned

JEFFERSON — Four people were taken to the hospital last Friday afternoon after a one-car crash along TR-555.

State police said a car driven by Ernest Coffman, 38, of Carmichaels was traveling west in the Homeville section of Jefferson Township when the vehicle ran off the right side of the road and went over an embankment. The car came to rest against a tree which prevented it from sliding into Ten Mile Creek.

Coffman was pinned in the vehicle for an hour and a half. He was still being treated for multiple injuries at Greene County Memorial Hospital Friday night.

Passengers in the car included Tammy Coffman, 14, of Carmichaels, who was treated for an arm injury and released from the hospital; David Drummond, 15, of 253 Morris Street, Waynesburg, who was also treated for an arm injury and released; and Thomas Connell, 15, of Waynesburg R.D.4. A nursing supervisor said Connell was not treated.

They were taken to the hospital by ambulance crews from Jefferson and Waynesburg who also worked to extricate Coffman from his car. The accident occurred at 4:30 p.m.

Truck Stolen

JEFFERSON — A 1976 truck owned by Gary Kozinko of Jefferson R.D.1 was taken from the victim's carport some time last

Wednesday or Thursday. The home is located along Route 587 in Jefferson Township.

Car Hits Car

WAYNESBURG — Two vehicles and no drivers were involved in an accident on East High Street at 7:05 p.m. last Wednesday, according to borough police.

Police said Jay W. Ringer, 59, of 289 East High Street, parked his car but the brakes failed, allowing it to drift backwards for 200 feet into a parked car owned by Polly Hunter of Waynesburg.

Rumors Denied

ROGERSVILLE — Officials at West Greene High School have expressed concern about rumors that a drug raid occurred at the school last week.

"A state police trooper came to the school Monday to interview a student about a drug case in Waynesburg Borough. There was no raid and no students have been suspended," the high school principal said Thursday.

Burglaries Probed

WAYNESBURG — State police from the Waynesburg Barracks are investigating burglaries in Mt. Morris and Center Township.

Police said \$4,535 worth of household items and stereo equipment was taken from the Richard A. Dobbs home located three miles west of Mt. Morris along LR 30018.

The incident occurred sometime between 3:20 p.m. Tuesday and 1:20 a.m. Wednesday.

A sledgehammer and chain saw were stolen from the home of James A. Eddy of Cameron Star Route sometime between noon Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Monday. The home is located along Route 21, four miles west of Rogersville.

Rape Investigated

MT. MORRIS — State police reported last Wednesday they are investigating the alleged rape of a 9-year-old girl and identified the suspect as a 16-year-old boy.

The incident occurred at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday along LR 30017, six miles west of Mt. Morris.

hospital register

Greene Memorial

ADMISSIONS
Genea McMannus, Jefferson
Ann Babyak, Waynesburg
Joseph Toth, Clarksville
Doris Ganocy, Greensboro
Joyce Pierce, Waynesburg
Nellie Stickle, Waynesburg
James McHenry, Carmichaels
Mark Clipper, Rices Landing
Kathleen Bill, Waynesburg

DISCHARGES

Clarinda Cox, Rogersville
Joyce Pierce, Waynesburg
Ruth Uram, Carmichaels
Wilbur Grooms, Carmichaels
Pearl Haight, Waynesburg
John Grim, New Freeport
Robert Phillips, Carmichaels
Shirley Mahle, Waynesburg
Gloria Orndoff, Waynesburg
Denny Cumberledge, Brave
Estella Ely, Waynesburg

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Mary Hardisty, Waynesburg
Kathryn Fox, Waynesburg
Trissa Rowe, Bobtown
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Edna Shriver, Blacksville
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Pamela Garber, Waynesburg
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Elva Rogers, Waynesburg
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BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Fredrick, of Carmichaels, a daughter, February 21, 1985.

Monongalia

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Pamela Garber, Waynesburg
Lois Peruzzi, Bobtown
Elizabeth Lucas, Carmichaels
Floyd Birch, Mt. Morris
John McNeely, Waynesburg
Roselee Sell, Greensboro

Three Jailed After Melee

WAYNESBURG — Three persons ended up in jail and a magistrate was slightly injured during a melee that followed a hearing at Magistrate John Watson's office.

Lodged in the Greene County Jail a week ago Tuesday in lieu of \$5,000 bond were two brothers, William Staggers, 23, of 201 Fourth Avenue and John Staggers, 27, of Graysville R.D.1, and Donna Mae Fuller, 21, of 201 Fourth Avenue. All three were charged with disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor. William Staggers is also charged with resisting arrest.

Earlier, William Staggers had been bound over on simple assault charges brought by Wesley Warnick following a hearing before the magistrate. He was released on his own recognizance but refused to sign the necessary legal documents and left the magistrate's office.

He allegedly got into an argument with his brother while they were standing on the side-

walk. At this point, Waynesburg Borough patrolman Glenn Bates arrived and told the brothers they were under arrest for disorderly conduct.

Both men ran back into the magistrate's office and when the police officer attempted to handcuff William Staggers a scuffle began when he allegedly refused to be cuffed.

The magistrate came to the aid of Bates and suffered a lacerated

hand in the melee.

Bates said John Staggers and Fuller interfered during the process of handcuffing Staggers so they also were charged. Fuller was lodged in the Fayette County Jail in Uniontown.

All three will face a hearing at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26.

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Estate of JOSEPH R. BURNSWORTH of Jefferson Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters of administration d.b.n.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
WILLIAM R. NALITZ
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Waynesburg, PA 15370
ADMINISTRATOR,
d.b.n.c.t.a.
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THOMPSON AND BAILY
Attorneys
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Estate of Hice F. Lemley late of Waynesburg Borough Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
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James M. Rizer
R. D. 2,
New Freeport, PA. 15352
Executor
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Attorneys
2-22; 3-1, 8

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Mary E. King
793 East Greene Street
Waynesburg, PA. 15370
ADMINISTRATOR c.t.a.
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Attorneys
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Estate of NANCY J. HELMICK late of Carmichaels Borough, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
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85 Grandville Street
Newark, Ohio 43055
WILMA M. MARCINE
McMINN
519 Old Waynesburg Road
Carmichaels, PA. 15320
Executrices
WILLIAM R. NALITZ, Esquire
SAYERS, KING, KEENER & NALITZ
Attorneys
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Estate of Mary J. Gusic late of Franklin Township Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
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Anthony Richard Gusic
766 Camp Hollow Road
West Mifflin, PA. 15122
Executor
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Attorneys
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Estate of JOHN KOCERKA, SR. late of Dunkard Township Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
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John E. Kocerka, Jr.
Box 173
Bobtown, PA. 15315
Executor
William M. Baily
Thompson and Baily
Attorneys
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