

police study

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series of 30 short courses for local municipal officials and has awarded over 3500 certificates of achievement to graduates of these courses in the 18 years since it was founded.

The Institute also publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains a special library with over 4000 publications of interest to persons involved in regional planning, development and government.

Additionally, the Institute carries out research projects when it is requested to do so by local governments. The survey to be released next week is such a project.

Although Dr. Mailey will not divulge the contents of the report before he meets with Township officials next week, he is on record as favoring the combination of existing agencies when they can more effectively function as a single unit.

burglary

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thrown through the windows. After the May incident Whitesell offered \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties. No arrests have been made.

Mr. Whitesell said that he had never recovered any of the merchandise that has been stolen from him, though he added that after one burglary police had made an arrest and obtained a conviction. Whitesell was unsure whether the convicted man had ever served any sentence for the crime.

The store owner said that only about \$15 in actual cash was taken in the July 15 crime. He pointed out that he seldom left any quantity of money on the premises, and had put a sign on the front of his safe indicating what it was unlocked. He said the recent yeggs had ransacked papers in the safe and taken the money, mostly change, from the cash register.

surprise party honors Hartmans

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hartman were recently honored at a surprise anniversary party given by their three children Debbie, Terry and Stephen in honor of their parents 18th wedding anniversary.

The party was held July 19 at the American Legion in Dallas. A buffet supper was served to Mr. and Mrs. George Bauman, Pat Bauman, Tim Bauman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hindman, Warrant Officer and Mrs. William Shaffer and fam-

ily, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sapper, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reese.

Also Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. George Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cosgrove, Mrs. Helen Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. John Bate-man, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartman and family, Mrs. Martha Longmore, Mrs. Kay Kalafsky, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hislop, Mr. David Kramer and Diane Dwinchick.

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Rev. John P. Walsh, Pastor
Rev. Paul J. Flynn, Assistant Pastor |
| SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Beaumont
Elder Morris Rossier | GATE OF HEAVEN
Msgr. Francis A. Kane
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Rev. Thomas A. Flynn
Rev. Thomas V. Banick |
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Rev. John Prater, Rector | OUR LADY OF VICTORY |
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Rev. Andrew Pillarella | ST. FRANCES X CABRINI
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Rev. Andrew Derrick |
| SHAVERTOWN METHODIST
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| ALDERSON METHODIST CHARGE
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Rev. Milton Frantz |
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| LEHMAN METHODIST CHARGE
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danger strip

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road's slipperiness, there are even more theories offered for the extremely high accident rate along the highway. This year's rainy season obviously has added to the danger.

Herbert Updyke, Kingston Township's police chief who has investigated most of the accidents, maintains that the road has received a lot of bad publicity which it doesn't deserve. "Harter's Dairy," he says, "is the only landmark the newspapers know in that area. So when an accident occurs more than 500 feet above or below the Dairy, though it really isn't the same stretch of road at all, it's the one the newspapers write up."

But State Trooper Lt. Donald D. Dorris disagrees. He travels the highway often on patrol and acknowledges that a high accident risk area does indeed exist. He places the blame squarely on the motorist, insisting that "the attitude and behavior of the operators are mostly responsible" for the accidents.

Mr. Harrington also regards driver failure as the most important cause of accidents along the roadway, suggesting that there may even be a psychological reason for the mishaps inasmuch as most of the drivers involved in accidents are local motorists who know of the highway's reputation as a killer and dread it, possibly reducing their effectiveness as drivers.

Rep. O'Connell agrees with Mr. Harrington in placing the burden of guilt on the individual motorist. He recalls being at the scene of at least two accidents in which the cars involved had bald tires. But Mr. O'Connell adds that there exists the possibility that the road was designed, and its curves banked, for speeds higher than those for which it should have been built.

Several rather costly operations have been undertaken by the Dept. of Highways to eliminate or at least alleviate the hazardous situation. The first procedure was the application of a non-skid material, S.P. 3, to the road's surface. The cost of this was approximately \$2,255. It did virtually nothing to correct the situation, and the accidents continued.

A relatively new process, called grooving, was undertaken last month. The hope was that the grooving, performed by Pavement Specialists, Inc., of Napoleon, O., on the road's main travel lane, would eliminate much of the water build-up on the road's surface, thus eliminating the hydroplaning effect. More expensive than the first operation, the cost of grooving the road was nearly \$6,665. Much to the discouragement of proponents of this operation, two accidents occurred on the highway the same day the grooving was completed. One occurred the next day.

More recently, the speed limit has been lowered to 50 m.p.h., the guard rails along the road side have been reinforced, and the slippery-when-wet signs have been posted.

What more can be done to make the highway less hazardous? Once again, there are several different suggestions.

Edward J. Hannigan, a Dallas resident who travels the road each day to work in Wilkes-Barre, has suggested that yellow caution lights at the Harter's Dairy intersection might prove effective, especially if used in conjunction with radar set-ups.

The problem with this suggestion, Lt. Dorris of the State Troopers says, is that it is difficult to get adequate radar readings in the area because of the curve.

Chef Updyke would like to see the speed limit further reduced to 45 mph to enable the use of a speed trap which would time a car's speed between two given points.

Rep. O'Connell recognizes the possibility of increased police patrols too, but points out that a critical manpower shortage on both the local and state levels in law enforcement agencies might make this solution impractical. He would like to see the road resurfaced with a black top or asphalt compound.

But Mr. Harrington disagrees. He maintains that although blacktopping is a possibility the Highway Dept. might consider at a later time, it is economically unwise to re-surface a road which has a 20-year life expectancy after less than five years of use.

"Personally," he says, "I feel that grooving is the answer; it's been very successful in California and Illinois and in other states as well." As soon as the necessary funds become available, he will order the passing lane of the highway grooved.

Despite the technical measures which are devised to make the highway less treacherous, it may well be that the road will continue to foster a high accident rate. If this is true, then the promise of a fast, modern, and safe highway to the Back Mountain communities will remain unfulfilled.

class of '55 reunion for Bulford family

Members of the 1955 graduating class of Dallas-Franklin High School are asked to attend a meeting scheduled for Aug. 23 at 8 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schindle, 149 South Lehigh St., Trucksville.

Plans for the fifteenth reunion will be made, and committees appointed. Efforts are being made to get in touch with all members.

obituaries

CATHERINE R. SILVERMAN

Mrs. Catherine Roberts Silverman, 121 N. Main St., Shavertown, died July 30 at her home. She had been in ill health for some time.

Mrs. Silverman was the wife of Nathaniel (Bud) Silverman, associated with Golden Quality Ice Cream Company in Plymouth. The couple had been married for 25 years.

Mrs. Silverman was born in Wilkes-Barre, the daughter of William D. Roberts, now of Sutton Creek Road, Dallas, and the late Ellen Thomas Roberts, who died four years ago.

Mrs. Silverman was a 1925 graduate of Forty Fort High School. In 1930, she moved to the Back Mountain area.

Active in the Library Auction, Mrs. Silverman was a staunch supporter of the Library Association. She was a former president of Trucksville Fire Department Auxiliary.

Surviving in addition to her husband and her father, four brothers: Earl and Donald Roberts, Dallas RD 3; Fred Roberts, Elmira, N.Y.; William H. Roberts, Philadelphia; and two sisters, Mrs. Harry Long of Trucksville, and Mrs. Leon Berkey, Elton.

Services were held from a Wilkes-Barre funeral home Friday afternoon, followed by burial in Temple Israel Cemetery, Forty Fort. Officiating was Rabbi Dr. Abraham D. Barras, assisted by Cantor Asher Balaban.

LUKE W. BOLEN

Luke W. Bolen, three-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bolen, Dallas, RD 2, died Aug. 2 at his home. His mother is the former Susan Shafer.

The infant was born at General Hospital May 8.

Surviving in addition to the parents are a brother Matthew, and a sister Megan; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shafer, and paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bolen all of Wilkes-Barre.

Services were held Monday from St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Burial was at Oak Lawn.

DANIEL J. SMITH

Daniel J. Smith, 59, Harveys Lake RD, died July 29 at General Hospital, where he had been admitted a week earlier.

He was a native of Alderson, attended Ross Township schools, and had been a resident of Harveys Lake RD for the past 40 years.

He attended Ruggles Methodist Church. During World War II, he was in the Navy for two years.

He was a member of Dad-dow Isaacs American Legion Post 967, and belonged to the Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company at Harveys Lake. For 20 years he worked in the Noxen Tannery, and later was employed by the State Highway Department as caretaker. Ill health mandated his retirement.

He leaves his widow, the former Ferne Sorber; four children: Carl, Laketon; Faye, Lewisburg; D. Gerry, New Berlin; Mrs. Connie Baradziej, Bristol; 12 grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Mrs. Pearl Oberst, Bloomsburg, Mrs. Stella Kittle, Mrs. Arline Adams, Mrs. Louise Shaw, all of Sweet Valley; Wayne, Chester; Mrs. Phyllis Skoronsky, Pringle; Mrs. Neta Kocher, Lehman.

Rev. Fred Eister, former pastor of Alderson United Methodist Church, conducted services on Friday from the Bronson Funeral Home. Burial was in Kocher Cemetery.

MRS. DORIS L. EVANS

Mrs. Doris L. Evans, 84, resident of Idetown for the past quarter century, died Aug. 1 at Nesbitt Hospital, where she had been admitted ten days earlier.

A former resident of Kingston, she had been born in Scranton.

Church affiliations were with Idetown United Methodist, where she was a life member of the WSCS and active in other church affairs.

Her husband William H. Evans, died in June of 1957.

She is survived by these children: Mrs. Elmer Harris of Idetown; Mrs. Bruce Williams, Harveys Lake; Ziba Evans, of Fairless Hills; nine

grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Burial was Monday in Chapel Lawn Cemetery, the Rev. B. Kirby Jones officiating at services from the Bronson Funeral Home.

G. MARVIN BROWN

G. Marvin Brown, 65, died Aug. 1 at his home in Chase. He was a native and lifelong resident of that area.

He belonged to Trucksville United Methodist Church. In February, he retired from Woodlawn Dairy after a 44 year employment. He was a member of United Brotherhood of Teamsters, and a charter member of the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department.

He and his wife observed their 44th wedding anniversary June 30.

He is survived by his widow, the former Laura Weidner; these children: Sterling, of Chase; Mrs. Sylvia Bredbenner, St. Petersburg, Fla.; six grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Alvina Carey, Pottstown, and a brother Willard Brown, Edwardsville.

Burial was Monday in Evergreen Cemetery, following services conducted by the Rev. Arthur Mayo, a former pastor of Trucksville United Methodist Church, from the Bronson Funeral Home.

A. RODELL KOCHER

A. Rodell Kocher, 70, of Reading, formerly of Harveys Lake, died in General Hospital July 31. He had been a patient for three weeks.

He was a native of Stull, once a flourishing lumber center for the area, son of the late Michael and Sarah Hontz Kocher.

He lived at Harveys Lake most of his life, moving to Reading 12 years ago.

A carpenter by trade, Mr. Kocher was employed by the State Highways Department for a number of years. For 12 years he was constable of Lake Township.

His wife, the former Mabel Hunter, died in 1957.

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Kunkle WSCS to serve food

Women of the Kunkle WSCS will serve refreshments at the Farmers Night Market in Kingston during the period beginning Monday, Aug. 11. Night market is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. In charge is Mrs. Fred Dodson.

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He leaves these children: Mrs. Meryl Wagner, of Huntsville; Glenn Kocher, Binghamton; Eugene of Kunkle; Kenneth at Tobyhanna Signal Depot; Mrs. Audrey Stogoski, Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Doris Smith, Harveys Lake; Arden Kocher, Meeker; Dale, of Syracuse, N.Y.; Dolores, of Kingston; 47 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

These brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. Velma Whitesell, Hunlock Creek; Mrs. Beryl Cisco and Mrs. Ethel Gearin, of Windsor, N.Y.; Roger, Kingston; Jasper Kocher and Mrs. Lena Oberst, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Dortha Hillard, of Chester; Mrs. Violet Ide and Dorman Kocher, of Benton; Mrs. Viola Booth, Turbotville; Dean Kocher, Batavia, N.Y.

The Rev. Paul Duncan, pastor of Huntsville Christian Church, was assisted by the Rev. Helen Clement of Kingston in conducting services Saturday from the Bronson funeral home. Burial was in Kocher Cemetery.

NELSON WILSON

Word has been received that Nelson Wilson, native of Dallas Township, died July 26 at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Wilson was a veteran of the First World War, moving to Michigan later to make his home. He was buried Tuesday in Ann Arbor.

Surviving are his widow, the former Viola Stoll; sisters, Mrs. Daisy Prynne of Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. Leona Bellas, Fernbrook; three brothers: Giles and Ted Wilson, East Dallas; and Allan, of Noxen.

The family of the late Frances G. Keefer, 224 Church Street, Dallas, would like to Thank those who assisted in any way in its bereavement.



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