

# Area Mail Processing Begins in Area June 26

Thirty-two associate post offices with zip code prefix will send their mail to Wilkes-Barre for more efficient processing, it was announced by Jack B. Pentz, Philadelphia regional director of the United States Postal Service.

The move—which will be launched in phases over a period of time—will begin June 26. It is an expansion of the "area mail processing" program.

Transfer of mail handling functions will accelerate movement of the mail out of the area by making full use of high-speed equipment at the modern and spacious Wilkes-Barre Office.

The six first class post offices

which will become involved in the program—and the zip codes which they will retain unchanged—are Berwick, 18603, Dallas, 18612, Nanticoke, 18634, Pittston 18640-44, Plymouth 18651 and Tunkhannock 18657. Outgoing mails from these offices will be fully processed at Wilkes-Barre and postmarked "U.S. Postal Service PA 186."

Among the second and third class offices involved are Falls 18615, Harveys Lake 18618, Hunlock Creed 18621, Huntington Mills, 18622, Laceyville 18623, Lehman 18627, Mehoopany 18629, Meshoppen 18630, Noxen 18636 and Sweet Valley 18656.

Outgoing mails from these offices will be postmarked with the postmark of the local office and then transferred to Wilkes-Barre for processing and dispatch to the delivery destination.

Every effort will be made to minimize disruption of employee work stations and the proposals are being discussed with regional and local labor organizations. No career em-

ployee will lose his job as a result of mail consolidation. Originating mail for local delivery, will continue to be processed at the local office. Meanwhile, the associate post offices involved will retain their independent status.

Customers in communities served by the six first class post offices who desire the postmark of their local community will be accommodated. This mail must be deposited in a specially marked receptacle at the local post office.

Customers are cautioned, however, not to use words such as city, town, local etc. as part of the mailing address. The name of the town or city should be spelled out.

Customers are encouraged to include the appropriate zip code in both the address and the return address. There will be no change in the meter indicia for business mail.

The program, when completed, will involve the switching of 62,000 additional pieces of mail daily into Wilkes-Barre for processing.



Ens. Scott Fry

## Scott A. Fry Commissioned At Annapolis

Navy Ensign Scott A. Fry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fry, Elmcrest Drive, Dallas, was commissioned to his present rank and received a B.S. degree during graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., June 10.

Ens. Fry, a 1967 graduate of Dallas Senior High School, was selected to the superintendent's list for academic and professional excellence at the Academy.

# Park Was Farm at Turn-of-Century

by Jane Wildoner

(Editor's note: The following is the second in a three-part series depicting life as it was once lived in the areas surrounding what is now Moon Lake Park.)

As you travel to Moon Lake Park, do you wonder what quirk of fate made the north end of Hartman Road the spoke in the wheel (whose hub was Five Forks) that was destined to become the main route to Toll Gate Hill (at Hunlock Creek) to Ceasetown, or Lake Silkworth, rather than the spoke that is now the access road to Moon Lake Park? Perhaps it was the United States Post Office located at Lamoreaux Corners, alias Dogtown.

Do you wonder, too, what the jury's verdict would be today in the trial of "Cap" Williams? A Civil War veteran—a little man who lived and died alone near Moon Lake—the Captain had lost a leg in battle and was very much bullied and harassed by big, brawny Bill Chapman upon their every encounter. The Captain is alleged to have taken it so long before he told Big Bill to cease and desist: "Stay off my property or I'll shoot you," warned the Captain.

Big Bill didn't heed the

warning. He went to Cap's place and began his heckling, whereupon Cap is said to have shot him in the thigh with a cap and ball pistol. The bullet never even touched bone and Big Bill walked away. He was later found sitting against a fence post, dead as a door nail. He'd bled to death.

The Captain was acquitted of a murder charge and the judge is said to have pinned a rose to Cap's lapel when he heard the jury's verdict.

Cap Williams and Bill Chapman both lie buried in the little cemetery located on the main access road to Moon Lake. The cemetery is now sequestered by towering maples which were mere saplings when planted by a lithesome lass, Elsie Lamoreaux Cease, and a stripling lad, Gershom B.

Lamoreaux, cousins and native-born inhabitants of the area.

Little John Van Loon was the first area native placed at rest in that cemetery. He was just six years old when he was "whipped till he died" by a teacher in school. It's no wonder, really, that a teacher could become exasperated enough by the antics of his obstreperous students to whip them—but to death? The students in those days had the mischievous habit of really taking their school apart and putting it back together again, log by log, but not necessarily in the positions for which they were intended!

Third generation school kids had their choice of attending four schools in the area: The Plymouth Township schools—either Five Forks (the present Charles Atherton home) or

White Oak, which was located on the back road of Moon Lake Park near the camping area; the Leonard School in Lehman Township (the present Charles Lizdas home), or the Jackson Township School at Ceasetown (the present Veitz home). It is said that inter-school rivalry did not take place only at spelling bees, elocution nights or festivals. If a courier from one school arrived with a message from his teacher at a neighboring school at recess time, he had to be prepared to do battle or to run pretty fast—roads were the weapons of the day!

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# Paulette Stasko to Begin New Program at Mansfield

Paulette Stasko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stasko, 198 Bitternut Road, Shavertown, is one of the first three students at Mansfield State College to begin a new baccalaureate degree

## Lake Man Moved From VA Hospital

Charles Casterline, Harveys Lake, who has been a patient at VA Hospital in Wilkes-Barre for the past one and a half months, has been moved to the VA Hospital in East Orange, N.J. Mr. Casterline, a World War II veteran, was transferred when it became necessary to vacate the floor he was on to make room for returning Vietnam servicemen.

Mrs. Casterline and their children reside at Harveys Lake.

Mr. Casterline finds it is quite lonely being hospitalized where his family can't visit often. He is anxious to hear from friends at: VA Hospital, 8th Floor, Ward A, Room 16, Tremont Avenue, East Orange, N.J. 07052.

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program to be offered in the fall, it was announced by Dr. John H. Baynes, chairman of the MSC department of music.

Mansfield has received the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education to offer a new Bachelor of Music degree, it has been announced by Dr. Lawrence Park, MSC president.

"Major emphasis of the new baccalaureate degree program," Dr. Park said, "will be on performance and will therefore be limited to applicants with superior performing abilities."

Miss Stasko, Patricia Hartzell of Bethlehem, and Linda Smith of Sayre, were chosen by audition. All will enter their sophomore year in September, and all are pianists. Miss Stasko is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

The program will be in addition to existing programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in music education and Bachelor of Arts in music. Certification may be obtained by taking a fifth year of work.

Elaborating on the new Bachelor of Music degree

program Dr. Baynes, pointed out:

"During his first two years in the program, each student will be concentrating in one area of performance. That area could be either instrumental or vocal. During his last two years the student will have the option of continuing in the performance area as a major, or of majoring in either music history and literature, or in theory."

The MSC music department has a complement of 26 full-time resident faculty and a student body of 230 music majors.

"With the addition of this new degree program," Dr. Baynes said, "Mansfield State College will be able to provide a program comprehensive enough to meet the needs for higher education in music throughout a wide area of Pennsylvania."

## Carverton Road will Be Closed to Traffic

Announcement was made this week by Buck Glime, construction superintendent for Marona Construction Company, that Carverton Road, Trucksville, will be closed Monday, June 21, through Friday, June 25, due to sewer construction. Mr. Glime said that sewer lines on Carverton Road below Maple Street, must still be laid.

Last week Marona began putting a base coat of ID-2 binder on Carverton Road as far down as Maple. The base coat, which is comprised of coarse materials, is used for strength. The next paving coat will have fine material, which provides a riding (smooth) surface, according to the superintendent.

Marona, which does its own paving, also paved the first two blocks of Hillside Drive and a section of Spring Valley Street.

The construction company, which is based in Colmar, is one of the contractors for Dallas Area Municipal Authority's sewer project.

## Moon Lake Park Is Officially Open

Moon Lake Park opened officially June 12, according to Director Robert Neff. Mr. Neff announced that all facilities were in use, with the exception of the swimming pool, which will be opened to the public by June 19.

Campers began signing in as early as 8 a.m. Saturday morning. There are approximately 70 camping sites available in the 600-acre park, with an additional 80 sites planned for the future. A well-planned laundry building houses washing and drying facilities for campers.

Visitors to the county-owned park will find a boat marina, several picnic areas with tables and grills, fishing facilities, and other recreational facilities.

Director Neff said formal dedication ceremonies will be held later in the summer.



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A Dallas family was the first to register for a camping site at Moon Lake Park. Thomas B. Howard Jr. and his daughter were at the park's registration office when it opened for the first time. June 12. Mr. and Mrs. Howard, 66 Hildonia Ave., and three family members camped in their trailer, enjoying the park's many recreational facilities. Park Director Robert Neff reported a number of campers registered on opening day. An even larger number is anticipated for the coming weekend.

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