

# 'No Taj Mahal'



**CHURCH SCHOOL FACULTY**—Faculty members of the recent Vacation Church School held at Shavertown United Methodist Church took time out to pose for the photographer one day last week. First row, left to right, are Sally Sieber, Gaile Ales, Wally Maniskas, Ruth Roan, Grace Fries, Marilyn Akers, Karen Cox, Sandy

Richardson, Jane Lawrence; standing, Elizabeth Mitchell, St. Paul's internist; Sharon Reishus, Barbara Rutt, Elizabeth Robinson, Arlene Diefenderfer, Linda Akers, Lois Hardisky, Ann Russin and Suzanne Artman. (Photo by Mark Moran)

A significant portion of the cost of the school will be offset by the insurance recovery from the burned Lake Elementary School and, in addition, the state will subsidize approximately 45 percent of the remaining cost.

It is anticipated that the local taxpayers will be paying about \$115,000 per year for the new facility which, at current assessed valuation, would be approximately seven mills of taxes. That figure will be reduced even further as the assessed valuation of the district increases.

Original "guesstimates" placed the cost of the facility as high as 4.3 million dollars with an increase in real estate millage as high as 15.

Final contractor bid figures, however, indicated significant savings of close to \$800,000 over original cost projections—and these figures will result in significant savings for taxpayers.

Gilbert Tough, president of the board of school directors, commented on the new school, "We, of the board of school directors, are very pleased with the final cost figure on this new building. Lake-Lehman has always been very conservative and the bid figures prove conclusively that this is a conservative building.

"There are no Taj Mahal features such as olympic-size swimming pools, TV studios or

outrageous experimental facilities. This is a school very similar to our Lehman-Jackson building, designed to provide students and teachers with a pleasant learning environment and no frills to burden taxpayers.

"I want to commend my fellow board members for the many hours they have spent in bringing this building to the point where we are now ready for ground breaking.

"We are also very pleased that we were able to constantly respond to the local taxpayers and keep the building costs far below what the state "Taj Mahal Bill" indicates we might have paid for this facility."

## MacAvoy named

Thomas MacAvoy of Shavertown was among 177 students who have earned distinction as "University Scholars" for the 1979-80 academic year at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa.

MacAvoy, a senior business major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon MacAvoy of 63 North Main Street, Shavertown, and a graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

# OBITUARIES

## Dallas native dies at Nesbitt

Mrs. Elaine Kozemchak Roberts, age 38, of RD2, Elbern Drive, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., died Monday, Aug. 20, in

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, following a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Roberts was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kozemchak, Sr., of Huntsville Road, Dallas Township. She graduated from Dallas High School in 1959 and received a B.A. degree in art from Wilkes College. Prior to her marriage she taught art in the Poughkeepsie Schools.

She was vice president and program chairman of the American Association of University Women and was involved with group dynamics and interpersonal relationships. Mrs. Roberts also was active in prison work and conducted classes for inmates in the prison in Poughkeepsie. She also was a member of the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church where she was active in church work.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Donald; children, Carrie, 8, and Mark, 6; brothers, James, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, and David, Dallas.

A memorial service will be held in the Church of Christ Uniting, Market Street and Sprague Avenue, Kingston, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., with Rev. Charles F. Gommer, pastor, officiating. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. Friends may call at the Hugh B. Hughes Funeral Home, Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m.

## Jackson resident dies at Tyler Memorial

Mrs. Blanche Faux, 77, of RD 1, Falls, died Aug. 16 in Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock. The former Blanche Coolbaugh, she was born Feb. 3, 1902 in Jackson, daughter of Robert and Bertha Swartwood Coolbaugh. Mrs. Faux and her husband, Francis, owned and operated a truck and dairy farm in Falls for 50

years. Mrs. Faux was a lifelong member of Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Francis; daughters, Mrs. Thelma Friestine, Somerville, N.J.; Mrs. Alice Green, Media; sons, Donald and Russell, RD 1, Falls; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral was Saturday from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with Rev. Carlos Munoz of Centermoreland United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Fitch Cemetery, Lockville.

## Agnes Andres dies in W-B Hospital

Mrs. Agnes Andres, 82, of Tunkhannock Road, Noxen, died Aug. 16 in General Hospital.

Born on Jan. 23, 1897 in Buffalo, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late John and Katherine Demdowski Kretzman. She was employed for 30 years by the Carharts Photo-Finishing Company in Buffalo. Mrs. Andres was a member of the Zoar Jerusalem United Church of Christ, Buffalo. Her husband, Joseph, died in 1950.

Surviving are a son, Joseph, Jr., Williams-ville, N.Y.; daughter, Mrs. Juanita Gunton of Noxen with whom she resided the last four years; brothers and sisters, Frank and Allan Kretzman, Mrs. Estelle Krantz and Mrs. Sophia Budney all of Buffalo, N.Y.

Funeral was Saturday with interment in Ridgeway Cemetery, Cheektowaga, N.Y. Local arrangements were by Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont.

## Hunlock Creek man dies Aug. 13

William G. Mitchell, 63, of RD 2, Hunlock Creek, died Aug. 13 in General Hospital.

Born in Nanticoke, he resided at Hunlock Creek the major portion of his life. Prior to his retirement in 1971, he was employed by the Glen-Nan Coal Co. for 36 years. He served with the Marine Corps during World War II and was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Muhlenburg.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elva May Hutchins; son, William H., and daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Meade, both of Hunlock Creek; four grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16 from Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek, with John T. Budner, Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, of Nanticoke, officiating. Interment was in Ceasetown Cemetery.

## Fall victim buried Sunday

Jay R. McGaughey, 38, of Dallas, died Aug. 16 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, of injuries sustained Aug. 15 in a fall at an accident in Kingston Twp.

Born Nov. 2, 1941, in Brockville, he was a son of Herbert McGaughey and the late Helen Galbraith McGaughey. He was employed by Arthur Shelley Co. as a truck driver. He was a member of Moorhead United Methodist Church, Brockway, and Dallas American Legion.

Surviving in addition to his father are his step-mother, Elsie McGaughey; a brother, Herbert H., Cuyahoga Falls, O.; step-brother, Todd Thompson, Reynoldsville; step-sisters, Mrs. Irene Keister, Brockway; Mrs. Betty Jean Walls, Dubois.

Funeral was Sunday with Rev. George S. Cook officiating. Interment was in Windy Hill Cemetery, Brockville.

## Barber

appointed

CTT Pres.

Andrew J. Sordoni, III, Chairman of the Board of Commonwealth Telephone Company, Aug. 15 announced the appointment of Robert D. Barber as president of Commonwealth Telephone Technologies Corporation (CTT).

Barber will be responsible for the operation and administration of CTT, a full-service communications equipment sales and engineering consulting firm located at 100 Lake Street, Dallas, Pennsylvania. A Certified Public Accountant and business executive with broad experience, Barber brings to his position solid management credentials. Sordoni commented that CTT's activities effectively complement the business challenges faced by Commonwealth Telephone Company.

Barber and his wife, Jane, reside at Bracewood Farm, Tunkhannock. They have two children, Robert D. Barber, Jr. and Mrs. Susan Bunnell.

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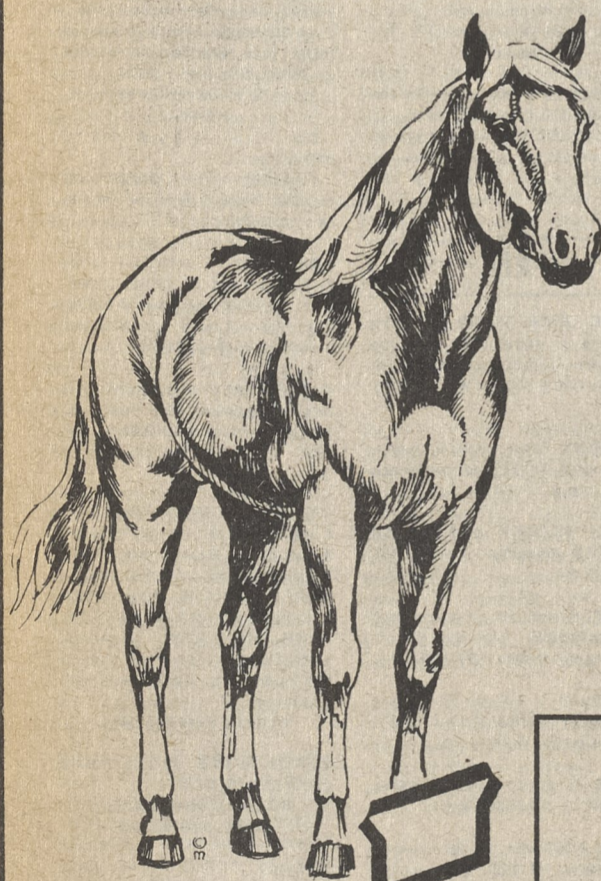
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