

Noxen Area Notes

United Methodist Homes Guild conducts membership drive in area

Women of Noxen Volunteer Fire Company will sell hoagies tomorrow at the fire house.

Kenneth Lamoreaux is home from the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Hazel Reed has returned after visiting her grandson, Warren Newell at Elk Lake.

Community is saddened by the recent death of the late Raymond Hubbell. Among those in attendance at funeral services were a nephew, Dorrance Hubbell, who flew in from California.

Fred Schenck came home Tuesday after being

a patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for more than two months. His daughter, Mrs. Joseph French of Brasher Falls, N.Y., has returned after 10 days at the Schenck residence.

Leo Smith is home after undergoing surgery in

Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Frank Lukasavage, who suffered a fracture of the ankle while at work in Philadelphia recently, came home from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Saturday, Jan. 29.

Members of the three

United Methodist Churches of the Noxen-Kunkle-Ruggles United Methodist Charge will hold a joint Ash Wednesday service Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, at the Noxen UM Church, Rev. Donald Spurling, Charge pastor, has announced.

United Methodist Homes Guild, which is supporting United Methodist Homes in six areas in New York and Pennsylvania, is conducting a membership drive. Area Methodist Homes for Aging representatives

are Mrs. Nellie Rood at Ruggles; Mrs. Arlene Updyke at Kunkle and Mrs. Madeline Patton at Noxen.

Wyoming Valley Agricultural Extension Office will offer a workshop on "Chair Caning" at the Noxen United Methodist Church social rooms this morning from 10:30 to 2 p.m. A second and final class will be held Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 10 to 2. Anyone interested in the class is invited to attend.

It may seem a little early but members of the

Education Committee of Kunkle United Methodist Church are seeking old sheets, preferably white or light pastel in color, for new angel costumes for the church Christmas program.

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of the Noxen UM Charge will meet Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage in Noxen.

Donnie Minster, known to most people and especially Little Leaguers in the Noxen-Kunkle-Beaumont area as the "Bubble Gum Man," is a

patient at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., where he is a cancer patient. He looks forward to receiving mail and friends can forward cards to him addressed as Donald Minter, Room 637, Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pa. 18840.

Classmates Class Noxen United Methodist Church held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. Beulah MacMillan. Co-hostess was Mrs. Dorothy French. February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elida Kelly.

Back Country Briefs

Wentzels return from Florida trip

Friends of Robin Roberts of Carverton will be glad to learn he is home after a stay at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Richard Logan of Centermoreland also is home after a stay at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital as a heart patient.

Among friends and relatives at the recent funeral of Edward

Hodakowski, who resided in Orange for more than 47 years, were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cheselka of Cliffside Park, N.J., and Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Jenkins of Rochester, N.Y. cousins, and Mr. and Mrs. John Skoras of Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wentzel, Harveys Lake, came home on Monday after a motor trip to St. Petersburg and Miami, Fla. While in the Sunshine State, the couple visited an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lawrence of Miami Beach, Fla., and Nick and Tessie Yaswinski, St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lawrence of Miami Beach, Fla., and Nick and Tessie Yaswinski are former Carverton residents. Mrs.

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United Methodist Churches. Ushers at the service at the Carverton UM Church were Mrs. Doris Robbins and Mrs. Genevieve Dana. Also taking part were Mrs. Lavina Parrish and Mrs. Evelyn Shales. Mrs. Eudora Baird read the scripture at the service Sunday at the Orange UM Church where the ushers for the services were Mrs. Catherine Bartholomew and Mrs. Myrtle Hoover.

United Methodist Women's Day will be observed on Sunday at the Mount Zion UM Church when special music will be rendered by Mrs. Kelly Bishop of the Music Box Playhouse in Swoyersville.

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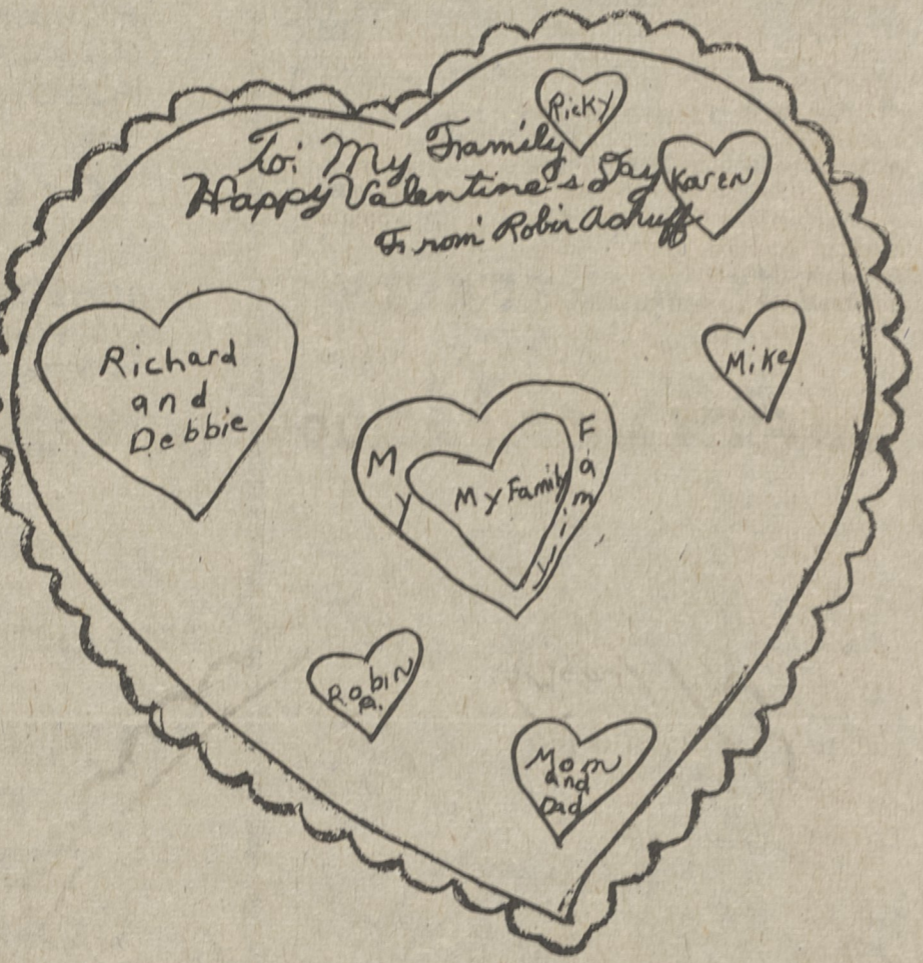


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Commission improves service

Harrisburg Regional Office of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission has announced several changes geared to service improvement. The Commission

has instituted a telephone answering service during non-business hours and on weekends to provide 24-hour communications. The answering machine will take messages from persons initiating complaints as well as those with messages for the investigator handling their case.

In order to reach a greater portion of the populace, the Commission is also training local organizations to provide people with information about its duties and a source of referral.

The Human Relations

Commission is in existence essentially to prevent and eliminate discrimination in employment, housing, education and places of public accommodation. It deals with discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, ancestry, sex and handicap or disability. Investigators receive complaints from individuals, research the facts and attempt an informal resolution of the problem. If this is not possible, a public hearing can be held and a public order issued. While the Commission itself does not have enforcement power, investigators can refer to Commonwealth Court for a legally binding order.

According to the Commission's last published report, it is rare that a public hearing becomes necessary. During 1980-81, the Commission handled 2508 cases statewide, with the largest number of these in the area of employment, 2239. A total of 145 were in housing, 101 in places of public access and 23 in education. The largest reported basis of discrimination is race at 33 percent, followed by sex 23 percent and handicap or disability at 12 percent. During the recession period, the Commission has seen an increasing number of complaints concerning age, which has risen to 10 percent of the total number.

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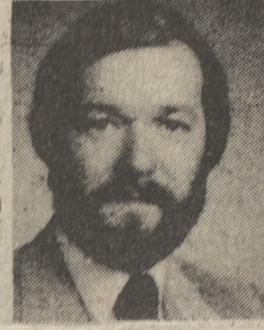
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