

The West Side



Tom Jones

New Sales Manager at Local Car Dealer

General Motors Chevrolet Dealer Gene Lispi recently appointed Tom Jones to the position of sales manager of his new and used car dealership in Pittston.

Tom comes to the Lispi dealership with a vast amount of knowledge in both the new and used car areas of the auto business. Tom has a total of 15 years in the business, since he retired from the ranks of the United Football league, where he played for nine years. Football was a big part of his life in his early years. Tom played for some really great coaches during that period, including former Philadelphia Eagles great Steve Van Buren and Bobby Walston. He spent

a few seasons under Coach Percy Moss and during that time, while playing in the Atlantic Coast Football League, his team went on to win championships in 1965 and 1966.

Tom also owned and operated the last semi-pro football team that operated out of the Wilkes-Barre area. He said the team was called the "Wyoming Valley Giants." They played in 1972 and 1973. Present Luzerne County Commissioner Ed Brominski was his head coach. "Football will always be a big part of my life," stated Jones.

Being in a position to manage the Lispi Chevrolet dealership, in Tom's words, puts him

"back in the big leagues." He said, "It's a pleasure to be affiliated with a man like Gene Lispi. The man is a winner and always has been. Why work for No. 2 when you can work for No. 1? It's that simple." Tom likes the challenge and he is looking forward to it.

Tom is married to the former Mary Rubitski of Kingston and the couple has one daughter, Marisa Ann who is now 2 years old. Tom and his family reside in Kingston.

Tom is a member of Council 302 Knights of Columbus, Wilkes-Barre, a fourth-degree member of Bishop Hafey Assembly, and also a member of the Order of Alhambra, which helps the mentally retarded.



REUNION COMMITTEE—The Swoyersville High School Class of 1943 Committee recently met at Shanky's Cafe to finalize plans for their coming 40th Class Reunion. The affair will be held on Sunday, July 3 at the Knight of Columbus Assumpta Council 3987 Home on Main St., Luzerne. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a dinner, short program and music for dancing and open bar. Members of the 1942 Class of Swoyersville are invited to attend this reunion. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at Shanky's. Deadline for reservations is June 2. Pictured above are members of the 40th reunion committee, seated left to right, Alyce Brutko Lopuhovsky, financial secretary; Leo F. Gavlick, chairman; Marge Hovan Krogulski, publicity and prizes. Standing, Andrew Kotch, programs; Bill Smith, publicity and prizes; Fred Yamrus, decorations; Joe Bojarhick co-chairman; Ed Krogulski, prizes and awards. Missing when photo was taken Bettie Lewis Sentigar, recording secretary.

Scholarship Deadline

Trustees of Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, met recently to review the criteria for the school's Trustee Achievement Scholarship, to be offered for the 1983-84 academic year.

Two scholarships, one full and one half year's tuition, will be awarded for one year each, regardless of economic need, to two students who excel in academic competition. In addition

to a personal interview, the competition will also include a qualifying examination scheduled for either Saturday, March 26, or Wednesday, March 30.

Any student entering ninth or tenth grade and not presently enrolled in Wyoming Seminary is eligible to compete. Interested candidates should contact John R. Eidam, dean of admissions, at 288-7541, no later than March 21.

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Pvt. Victor Natt Training Ends

Pvt. Victor S. Natt, son of Edward D. and Mary E. Natt of 85 Mountain St., Swoyersville, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

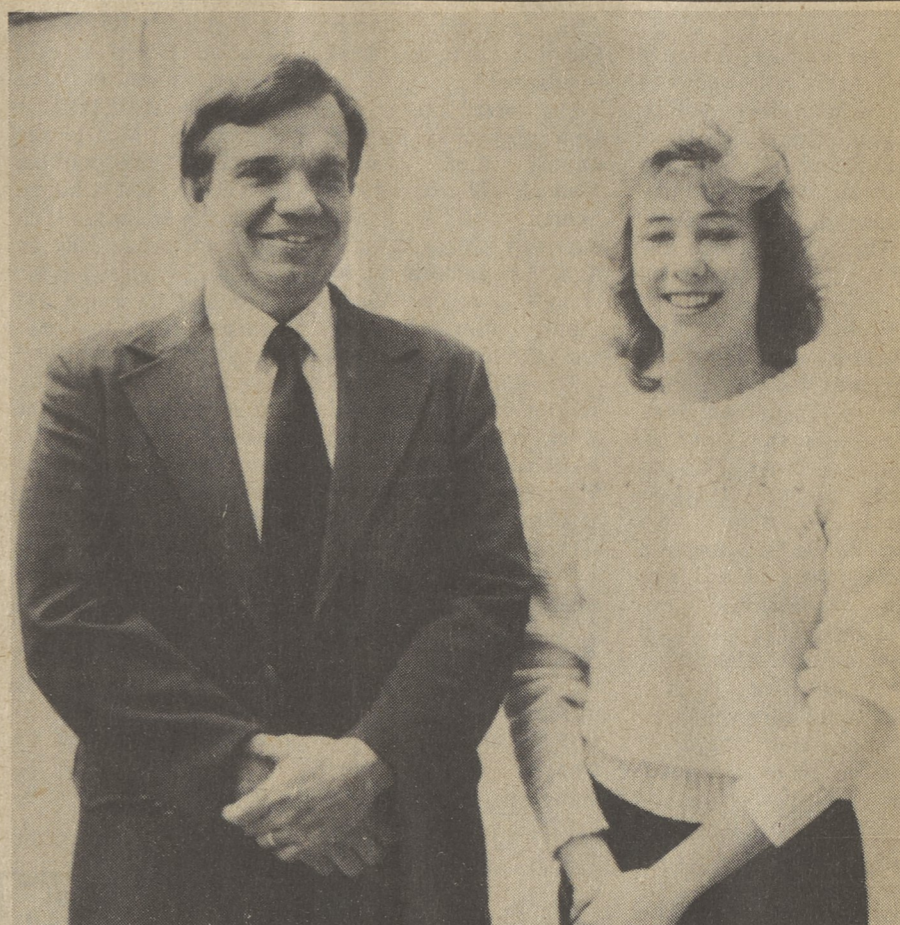
OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications,

squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

He is a 1981 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School.



TO ATTEND SEMINAR—Pictured above are Lisa Orrson and Mr. Robert Sorochak of the Social Studies Department of Wyoming Valley West.

Orioles top Dodgers Hold First Place

ALBA'S Dart League—The Orioles took over sole position of first place as they took a 2-1 win over the strong Dodgers team. Tops for the Orioles were Ron Gula 42-42-32-116, Jack Tobias 31-82, Sibby Cicero 81, Bernie Derby 79, Gordy Price 70. High for the Dodgers were Paul Starolis 48-44-37-129, Babe Kern 82, Bob Zurawski 79, Jerry Drobenak 65.

The Brewers stayed within two games behind as they took a 3-0 win over

the Phillies. Tops for the Brewers were John Barber 52-52-36-140, Bill Reese 33-90, Joe Verfin 77. High for the Phillies were Jack Knecht 38-91, Al Bogdon 34-82, Emil Gomba 71, Max Chipego 70.

Top five in averages: John Barber 44, Ron Gula and Paul Starolis 39, Babe Kern, Dr. Leo Potera and Jack Tobias all tied at 30.

Standings: Orioles 14-7, Dodgers and Brewers 12-9, Phillies 4-17.

Orrson Named Foundation Rep

Lisa Orrson, a sophomore here in America and abroad. Its purpose is to assist members of this age group in their quest for self development and to interface these potential leaders with recognized leaders in business, industry, government, science, and education with give and take workshops.

The "HOBY" Foundation was established to seek out, recognize, and reward leadership potential of high school

sophomores here in America and abroad. Its purpose is to assist members of this age group in their quest for self development and to interface these potential leaders with recognized leaders in business, industry, government, science, and education with give and take workshops.

At each state seminar

one boy and one girl are selected to represent their state at a week-long International Leadership Seminar held in August; in addition, young leaders from at least 20 other countries are invited to attend.

Lisa is the daughter of Mrs. Adele E. Orrson, Forty Fort, and the late Atty. Paul R. Orrson.

Wrestling Tourney Set for March 22

The Wyoming Valley West intramural staff, along with the Spartan Wrestling Club, will sponsor an elementary wrestling tournament for Wyoming Valley West pupils only.

The tournament will be held on Tuesday, March 22, at Wyoming Valley West Middle School. There is no entry fee, and

pupils in Grades K through six may enter. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place; each participant will receive a certificate. Awards will be presented by a member of the varsity wrestling team.

Weigh-ins will begin at 4 p.m. the tournament will begin at 6:15 p.m.



PROJECT HEAD SPEAKERS—Pictured above seated, left to right, Madeline Barush, treasurer; Angelo Costello, president; Mary Chipego, secretary. Standing from left, Ray Podskoch, Jennie Podskoch, Michael Demko.

O'Reilly Awarded Computer Grant

Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston, has been notified that it has been awarded a grant from the state Department of Education for the purchase of computers.

The award, part of a block grant of federal funds to the states for educational purposes, was one of only 17 designated by the Commonwealth from nearly 2,500 applications.

software added in the future will be compatible with the current acquisition.

The intent of the administration in such a move is to complement existing course work for all academic departments at the school. Rev. Vincent Grimalia, administrator, noted that graduates will be entering college or the workplace where computers are a daily fact of life. O'Reilly intends, he stated, to keep current with the demands of a technologically-oriented society.

After the arrival of the equipment, a training program for the faculty will be initiated, so that they and their students can gain a knowledge of computer literacy (basic programming and other computer skills).

Bank Reps Address Seniors

Ray Podskoch of Main Street, Swoyersville, a vice president of the United Penn Bank, and regional administrator of the West Side which takes in Kingston, Forty Fort and Back Mountain United Penn Bank and Michael Demko, vice-president in the Marketing Division of the United Penn Bank in Wilkes-Barre, were the principle speakers at the recent Swoyersville

Senior Citizens under Project Head at the Holy Trinity Lower Hall on Hughes Street, Swoyersville.

Both Podskoch and Demko spoke to the Senior Citizens on the 10 percent withholding tax on interest of savings accounts. Following the talk, an open forum was held and answers given by Podskoch and Demko.

Both were introduced by Mrs. Jennie Podskoch,

chairman of the Civic Action Committee and aunt to Ray Podskoch. Angelo Costello is president of the senior citizens.

President Costello announced that for the next two meetings in March, on March 16 will be the St. Patrick's Day Party, and on March 30, a representative from the Drug and Alcohol Department will be there to speak.