

The West Side

With Joe Gula

Here And There



ST. MARY'S GRADUATES - St. Mary's of the Blessed Nativity in Plymouth held graduation ceremonies recently. The kindergarten children, from Holy Child Elementary School, performed songs, poems and finger plays. Their teacher is Miss Michelle Maher. Principal is Sister Felicia Ann, C.S.B. and pastor is Msgr. Edmund Penkula. Shown above are members of the 1983 graduation class. First row, seated, from left, Gregory Mikulski, Stacy Jesse, Christopher Gula, Daniel Nelson, Margaret Leahey, Raina Motyka, Desiree Williams. Second row, kneeling, Amy Gryskavica, Jill Unice, Michael Phillips, Courtney Redenski, David Mullery, David Vnuk, Michael Hockenberry. Third row, standing, Jeffrey Butcher, Andrea Benner, Jonathan Desidero, Jaime Ragukonis, Thomas Carle, Susan Vosik, Frank Washilewski. 4th row, Mis Michelle Maher, Msgr. Edmund Penkula, Sister Felicia Ann, C.S.B.



"SHANKY" HONORED - Stephen "Shanky" Adamchak of Hughes St., Swoyersville was recently honored on his 68th birthday by his friends at his residence on Hughes St. Shanky, his wife, Marie, and their son, Steve Jr., are the owners and operators of Shanky's Cafe and are well known throughout the valley as sponsors of many baseball, basketball and bowling teams. Shown above are several friends who were on hand at the time of the photo. Kneeling, from left, Joe Gula, Luksey Lukacinsky, Jibber Berti, Dave Check, Steve Gaydos Jr., Peter Cwalina Jr., Steve Pacovsky. Standing, from left, Andy Ference, John Butchko, Leo Gavlick, Shanky Adamchak, Xavier Abbott, Joe Marcin, Phil Collura, Eddie Stofko, Peter Cwalina. Absent at the time of the photo were Worler Worlinsky, Joe Koval, Bob Gaydos, Cutter Karasinsky and Steve Adamchak Jr.



CUBS TAKE TRIP - Cub Scout Pack 144 of St. Mary's Church of Swoyersville recently made a trip to Philadelphia. Even though the game between the San Diego Padres and the Phillies was rained out, the Scouts and their friends had a great time. The trip was made possible in part by a candy sale held earlier this year. Those who attended the trip are shown above.



CONFRATERNITY HOLDS BREAKFAST - The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of Holy Trinity Parish of Swoyersville recently held its Annual Communion Breakfast. Shown above are those who attended. Seated from left, Madeleine Barush, president; Msgr. Michael C. Polcha, moderator, pastor and guest speaker; Alyce Kuzma, financial secretary and chairman of the breakfast; Rev. Joseph Ziobro, assistant pastor. Standing, Sue Stofko, treasurer; Dolores Tomchak, vice president; Carol Mazza, co-chairman; Carol Matinas, publicity. Absent at the time of the photo was Diane Amos, secretary.

At a recent drawing held by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maltby Fire Co., the following winners were announced: quilt, Andrea Beech, Binghamton; \$50, Anna Matushek, Swoyersville; afghan, Thomas Zdancewicz, Swoyersville; \$25, Michael Beny, Swoyersville.

Two of our lovely women of the third ward were recent graduates from Bishop O'Reilly High. They were Marianne Lehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lehman of Chapel St., and Nicola Gidula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gidula of Slocum St., both Swoyersville. Marianne had her party at the No. 2 Hose House, Slocum Street and Nicola had her party at the No. 1 Hose House on Scott Street. Congratulations to both and to all of the youngsters who graduated from Valley West, West Side Tech and Bishop O'Reilly.

American Legion Auxiliary, Andrew Lawrence Unit 644 of Swoyersville will hold a picnic on Sunday, Aug. 7 at Knoebel's Grove. Bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the parking lot of the post home on Shoemaker St. Reservations may be made by contacting Agnes Mesaros or Lorraine Armstrong.

Auxiliary will present a medal in June to a student from Holy Trinity School, Swoyersville. The medal and certificate are based upon scholastic ability and citizenship. On the agenda includes election of officers, election of delegates and alternates to the state convention to be held in Pittsburgh, election of delegates and alternates to the Luzerne-Wyoming Bi-County Council June 15, at Nanticoke.

On recommendation from Councilwoman Lillian Munley, Richard Lupinsky of Main Street, Swoyersville was appointed to the Planning Commission by the Bor-

ough Council. He will take his seat on the Planning Commission with Joseph Sieminski of Creek St., who was also recommended by Mrs. Munley and appointed by Council.

Commissioner of Streets, John "Sockey" Saxon and Mayor Anthony Stefanoski asks that if any resident sees anyone throwing debris in the creeks to let the police department know. Sockey said his crew took almost four truckloads of debris from creeks throughout the borough. He said that it took a long time to get these projects done and now they are being damaged. He and the mayor said that it isn't only one part of town but all over. The town is beautiful - why not keep it that way? Anyone caught, young and old alike, will be punished.

The Swoyersville Annual Golf Open Tourney will be held Sunday, June 26 at the Happy Valley Golf Course in Exeter. Co-chairmen Dick Evanoski and Turp Kovalick said there are many applicants and this should be one of the biggest ever. Any resident or former resident of Swoyersville is eligible. Magistrate Andrew Barilla is the favorite with Cactus Stelma challenging him.

The Clover Club of Swoyersville is having its Annual Baseball Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium on Sunday, July 24 to see the game between the Yanks and Kansas City Royals. Several tickets are still available. Anyone interested in attending the game should contact Shanky's Cafe at 287-9438, George Kovalick Jr., 693-3644 or Jack Urban at 287-0303.

When you have to pick good pool shooters you have to pick Pete Cwalina Sr., Worler Worlinsky, George Nemetz, Joey Koval, Dave Check and John Urban.

At the recent Swoyersville Council meeting, council secretary Joe Koval gave the regular business report on street labor and bills for the month of May totaling \$13,114.81. Councilman Ron Alunni, chairman of the fire departments, announced that Maltby Hose Co. had three fire alarms for the month of May and No. 2 Hose Co. had six.

Councilman Joe Marcin, chairman of the police department, announced that \$500 was collected in fines and violation for May. He also said that the Police Department had 216 citizen reports. He also made a motion to pay the part-time patrolmen and school crossing guards. All bills were paid.

Council chairman Michael Emershaw told the residents at the meeting that patrolman Joseph Wolenski and Chief William Dorman have organized a Neighborhood Crime Watch. He said that between 35 to 40 residents were at the first meeting. He asks more residents to join because this will help the borough out in many ways.

Liaison officer gave a report that 25 building permits for the month of May totaled \$618 in permit fees and construction total of \$88,343.

Councilman Jim Pugh, chairman of the street departments, asked borough coordinator Michael Simko about the situation in Birch Village on the tree lawns that weren't accepted by council. Simko said that the contractor, Addy Construction, was on the job that morning. Simko also said that bids for 10 streets in the first ward, Maltby section will be awarded on June 16 and 30 days later work will begin on fixing and repairing them.

Simko also read two resolutions in place of Solicitor Atty. Andrew Puhak who is hospitalized, on the sale of two properties through the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority. One is on Hazle St. to George P. Brady and

Sandra Rosick for \$3,140 single home construction and to Michael and Jean Galanda for 25 foot frontage for sideyard expansion for \$800 at 520 Slocum St.

Sinko also elaborated on the Small Business Loans which are available. Anyone interested is asked to contact his office at the Municipal building.

Shanky's Tuesday Nite Over the Hill Gang Dart League will hold its outing on Saturday, June 25 at Shanky's on Hughes St., Swoyersville. Winners will be honored. Cooksie Adams is chairman.

Teddy Rydzewski recently returned to his home on Dana St. from Nesbitt Hospital where he was a surgical patient. He was in an unfortunate accident last year with his brother Bernie while taking a tire off a car and has had his right hand in a cast since. He hopes the fialn cast is off in about eight weeks which will put him in good shape for the dart league. Everyone wishes him well.

Luzerne lost two of its citizens this past week. Kenneth Hottinstein and Mrs. Helen Kurpis of Miller St. Ken was the former football and baseball coach of Luzerne High School. Both will be missed and our condolences go out to their families.

Atty. Joseph Yeager of Birch Drive, Swoyersville was recently appointed council to represent Mayor Anthony Stefanoski and Chief of Police William Dorman in their upcoming Civil Court case in Scranton.

Solicitor Andrew Puhak of Tripp St., Swoyersville is a medical patient at Mercy Hospital. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery and we hope to see him up and around soon.

Brominski Is Speaker

The Andrew Lawrence American Legion Post 644 of Swoyersville, in conjunction with the Catholic War Veterans Post 1601 also of Swoyersville, held its annual Memorial Day exercises recently.

Exercises were held at the Post 644 Home on Shoemaker Street and then at the Denison St. Cemetery. Commander David Dzurek was master of ceremonies. The wreath was placed on the Unknown Soldiers grave by Mrs. George Haduch of the Gold Star Mothers and by Vincent Dennis of the CWV Post 1601.

Commissioner Edward Brominski gave the main talk at the Memorial Day exercises. Although the day was threatening, a nice size crowd attended.

Rev. Edward Sokolowski, pastor of St. Mary's Parish where the Mass was held at 9 a.m., gave invocation and benediction at the cemetery. The Firing Squad under Joseph Asklar Sr. did another fine job along with Phil Swank as the bugler who played the Star Spangled Banner.

David Dzurek is Commander of Post 644 and Leon Ziomek is Commander of Post 1601.

Thomas Beky read names of the members of Post 644 who passed away this year. They are: Frank Ratowski, Harry Sawchak, Stephen Stralka, George lang, Al Kuzma, Stanley Sadowski, Tom Tosh, Stanley Raydeski, Joseph Kotchko, Frank Kollar, Francis Garrahan, George Sisko. From Post 1601, Joseph Kolojchick and Al Kuzma.



FIRE COMPANY PLANS BAZAAR - Maltby Volunteer Fire Company will hold its annual bazaar Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 16, 17 and 18 at the fire company grounds on Owen St. in Swoyersville. Parade night is Friday at 7 p.m. All types of ethnic foods will be served. Prizes and surprises, as well as live entertainment, will be featured every night. The "White Rick" will be featured Thursday evening while the well-known Henry Charles Orchestra will be featured Friday and Saturday evenings. Everyone is welcome to attend. Shown here are several of the workers who have helped to put everything in shape for the annual bazaar. From left, Pam Chronowski, Dave Casterline, Bobby Koval, Mike Sentigar, chairman, Jeanine Beny with the Black One, Peter Madaya, Chester Dzerniak. Construction workers absent at the time of the photo were Tom Zdancewicz Sr., Tom Zdancewicz Jr., Bob Tibus, Bill Gregory.

Nedelaks Celebrate 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nedelak of 20 McHale St., Swoyersville will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Monday.

They were married on June 20, 1923 by the late Rev. Jacob Drapiewski at St. Mary's Church in Swoyersville.

Mr. Nedelak is the former Theresa Harzinski of Swoyersville. Mr. Nedelak is also a Swoyersville native. Their attendants were Mrs. Jane Harzinski Clapps and John Nedelak. The Nedelaks are the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Virginia) Stack; Mrs. John (Sylvia) Lykon and Mrs. Paul (Nancy) Pasek, all of Swoyersville. They also have seven grandchildren.

Mark Stack, Sandra Ann Lykon Sprague, Wayne and Bruce Lykon, Paul Jr., Monica and Peter Pasek. They also have eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Nedelak is a former mine worker and was head custodian at Swoyersville High School.

A family dinner will be held in their honor. Best wishes to a terrific couple.