

# The West Side



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH KURPIS

## Couple notes anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kurpis, 10 McHale St., Swyersville will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday. They were married on Aug. 23, 1958 at St. John's Church in Luzerne by the late Rev. Michael Frohman.

Mrs. Kurpis is the former Bernadine Major, daughter of Mrs. Mary Major and the late Stephen Major of Swyersville. Kurpis is the son of the late Charles and Helen Kurpis of Luzerne.

Their attendants were Mrs. Marie Major Urban, John Franko, Marie Obsitos Hizny, Bernard Fetchko, Ann Marie Vanyo Roslewicz, Charles

Kurpis. The Kurpis' are the parents of four children, Joseph Jr., employed with Cooper and Lybrand Accounting, Philadelphia; Brenda, employed with United Penn Bank, Wilkes-Barre; Chris, a seventh grade student at Holy Trinity School in Swyersville; and Brian, a fifth grade student at Holy Trinity School in Swyersville.

Mr. Kurpis teaches at Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre and also at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke.

A family dinner is planned in honor of the occasion.

## Program helps cleanup

Five to 10 years ago, storms similar to those recently experienced would have caused Swyersville residents costly basement flooding and property damage due to surface runoffs and seepage. However, in recent years the fruits of an interminable Urban Renewal Program have proven worthwhile as heavy storms are easily handled by the Borough's Storm Sewer and Flood Control System.

The re-channeling of Abraham's Creek has been a primary reason for the successful conveyance of storm water from this predominantly residential community to the Susquehanna River. In addition, however, four major pumps augment the creek's performance in areas of the community where the gravity flows of water is inhibited by physical or topographical obstacles. Pumps located at Slocum St., Simpson St., White St. and Dan St. have transformed previously easily flooded neighborhoods into relatively dry areas in the heaviest of storms.

The majority of the borough's system is based on a 75 year design storm although the creek and major ponding areas are based on a 100 year design storm.

Council chairman Michael Emershaw recalled worrying about what street to use in reaching home some years ago, prior to the improvements. "So many of our streets had flooded intersections that it was sometimes necessary to go quite a distance out of one's way to reach home. Slocum St., Church St., Dana St., Kossack St., Hughes St., Owens St. all were virtually unpassable. Those among our people who are newer residents cannot begin to realize what our long time residents experienced."

Similarly other borough residents speak reflectively of pumping out basements all night during a moderate rainfall. Emershaw, who did not seek re-election cautioned, "Our people should not forget those days because as you go by they will be asked to pay for the continued maintenance of this system. Failure to do so may allow history to repeat itself and none of us want that."

In the meantime, many a Swyersville resident will rest easy as opposed to standing watch over a basement sump pump.

## Football games begin Aug. 21

Old times will come back to life Sunday, Aug. 21, at Roosevelt Field on Church St., Swyersville as the Swyersville Jr. Sailors A Team will host the Forty Fort Flyers A Team in the first game of the Greater Pittston Jr. Football League.

Coach Paul Pasek's Sailors, minus several of its stars from last year's pennant and playoff and Super Bowl champs, will try to keep the title in Swyersville. The Flyers will be trying to retaliate from last year as they were beaten by a 33-6 score at the Flyers' field.

This game reminds many of our older fans of the late 30's and 40's when the two high schools would play the first game of the season and with the bon fires and bit, this really brings back memories.

Coach Pasek is assisted by Don Covert, Ted Gabel and Bruce Lykon.



## Club makes trip

Members and guests of the Swyersville Clover Club made the trip to New York to see the Yankees and Kansas City Royals at Yankee Stadium where they witnessed the celebrated "Pine Tar Home Run" by George Brett. Pictured above are members and guests who attended the trip. From left, kneeling Scoop Gula, Ferdinand Cascia, Al Goryl, Joe Suda Jr., George Kapalka, John Drozin, Steve Doziak, Cutter Karasinski, Ron Gula. Second row, Jack Burns Jr., Goose Gaydos, Chuck Amato, Bob Truscavage, Joe Suda Sr., Len Vilewinski, Nick Barto, Cooksie Adams, Dave Check, Jack Burns Sr., Walt Graboski, Joe Muscavage, Steve Adamchak Jr. Third row, Marv Helman Jr., Marv Helman Sr., John Foglietta, Cotton Thomas, Tom Cruthers, Al Farrell, Jim Cruthers.

## Invaders win pool championship

Shanky's Pool League came to a close last Thursday as the Invaders, sparked by George Nemetz making 12 balls, Jim Sarti, eight balls, and a win and Pete Cwalina Jr., one ball, took the overall season championship, edging out the Generals by two games. The Invaders beat the Blitz, 2-1. For the Blitz, Steve Adamchak Jr., made 12 balls and Doc Watson made eight, won a game and lost one game.

The Express pulled the big surprise as they dumped the second place Generals out of a possible tie with the Invaders by taking a 2-1 win. For the Generals, Chooch Gongleski made nine balls and Shanky Adamchak Sr., eight balls and a win.

The Stars took a close 2-1 win over the Bandits. Pete Cwalina Sr., leading pool player of the league, made 18 balls, won two games and lost one. Andy Ference

chipped in with six balls. For the Bandits, Joe Koval made nine balls and Scoop only had three balls.

Final standings: Invaders 29-16, champs; Generals 27-18, Stars 25-20, Bandits 20-25, Blitz 19-26, Express 15-30.

Top 10: Pete Cwalina Sr., Bob Worlinski, George Nemetz, Dave Check, John Urban, Cutter Karasinski, Steve Adamchak Jr., Bob Tibus, Joe Gula and Jim Sarti.

## Anniversaries

**MR. AND MRS. PAUL DZURISIN**, 115 Lackawanna Ave., Swyersville celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary yesterday. They were wed on Aug. 16, 1958 by Msgr. George Dzurisin, brother of Mr. Dzurisin, in St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in Pittston.

Mrs. Dzurisin is the former Dorothy Boback, daughter of Helen Boback and the late George Boback of Larksville. Mr. Dzurisin is the son of the late Mary and George Dzurisin of Pittston.

The Dzurisins are the parents of two children, Dorothy at home and Mrs. Rita Yanchick, Kingston.

Mr. Dzurisin is employed at the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

**MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN KOSLICK**, 10 Bigelow St., Swyersville, observed their 48th wedding anniversary recently. They were married on Aug. 10, 1935 in St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Swyersville by Rev. Runtagh. Mrs. Koslick is the former Victoria Rabada, daughter of the late Anastasia and George Rabada of Swyersville. Mr. Koslick is the son of Mary Koslick of Wyoming and the late Joseph Koslick.

The couple are the parents of three children, Elaine Sandrey, Levittown, Pa.; Joanne Nesbitt, Owego, N.Y., and Richard, Tennessee. They also have six grandchildren: Kurt and Stacey Sandrey, Robert and David Nesbitt and Leah and Amy Koslick.

**MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH J. ZUBA, SR.**, 120 Hughes St., Luzerne recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on July 29, 1933 in St. John's Church in Larksville by the late Rev. Paul Kopicki. Their attendants were the late Anna Martin and John Zuba.

The couple has three children: Joseph Zuba Jr., Dallas; Anna Marie Kolaski, Luzerne; and Margaret Peters, Pringle. They also have six grandchildren: Christine, Joanne and Kathy Zuba; Lisa and Lori Peters and Gerald Kolaski.

The Zubas received many congratulatory cards including one from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

The occasion was celebrated at a dinner party held in their honor by their children at the Castle Inn, Dallas. Friends and rela-

tives attended.

**MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND SZCZUCKI**, 164 Simpson St., Swyersville, will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary tomorrow. They were wed on Aug. 18, 1951 at St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg, Md.

Mrs. Szczucki is the former Mary Ceconi, daughter of Mrs. Loretta Ceconi of Luzerne and the late James Ceconi. Szczucki is the son of Mrs. Ea Szczucki of Edwardsville and the late Anthony Szczucki.

The Szczuckis are the parents of three children: Ms. Sharon Monahan, Luzerne; Annette and Ray Jr. They also have a grandson, Paul Monahan.

Mr. Szczucki is employed at the Tobyhanna Signal Depot.

**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BOBECK**, 45 Railroad St., Swyersville, will celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary Sunday. They were married on Aug. 21, 1959 by Rev. Joseph Russin at St. John's Church in Larksville. Mrs. Bobeck is the former Barbara Wallace, daughter of Mrs. Anna Wallace and the late Ben Wallace of Larksville. Mr. Bobeck is the son of the late John and Stella Bobeck of Larksville.

Their attendants were Joan and Tony Stronvski.

The Bobecks are the parents of four children, Brenda, professional model in Florida; Barbara, a hairdresser employed with Elizabeth's Beauty Salon in Dallas; Robert Jr., and Brian.

Mr. Bobeck is employed with U.G.I. in Hunlock Creek. Mrs. Bobeck is associated with an insurance company in Kingston.

**MR. AND MRS. ANDREW "BABE" ONDISH**, 19 Milbre St., Swyersville, will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary Monday. They were married on Aug. 22, 1938 at St. John's Church in Luzerne by the late Msgr. George Bendick. Mrs. Ondish is the former Helen Stelma of Swyersville. Ondish is also a Swyersville native.

Their attendants were Catherine Krakosky, John Ondish, Tickey Rydock, Andrew Stelma, Margaret Shady, deceased; George Prokop, Irene Brolick, John Stefanko, Anne Ondish, Jay Noval, Helen Hilla and Michael Hardik.

The couple has two children, Andrew Jr. of Bloomfield, Colo.; and

Mrs. Ann Mary Petras of Kingston. They also have six grandchildren, Andrew Ondish III, Karen and Matthew Ondish, Colo.; Barbara Ann, Debra and Lynda Jo Petras of Kingston.

Mr. Ondish is retired from the Tobyhanna Signal Depot.

A family dinner will be held in their honor.

**MR. AND MRS. JOHN MATICIC JR.**, 2016 Detroit Ave., Kingman, Ariz., former residents of Swyersville, will celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary Tuesday. They were wed on Aug. 23, 1975 at Holy Trinity Church in Swyersville by Msgr. Michael C. Polcha. Mrs. Maticic is the former Marianne Gula, daughter of Joe and Johanna Gula of Swyersville. Mr. Maticic is the son of John and Josephine Maticic Sr., of Hillside Ave., Edwardsville.

Their attendants were Barbara Gavlick, Carl Uzdella Gula, Jean Novroski Jagojinski, Janet Novroski Dombowski, Elizabeth Gulla, Nancy Gowisnok Golumb. Flower girls were Luann Kemzura, Kristin Leigh Matinas and Susan Gulla. Best Man was Robert Maticic, ushers were Ron Gula, Paul Wheel, Robert Gaydos, Rick Matukonis. Ring bearer was Charles Kemzura Jr.

The Maticics are the parents of a son, Benjamin John.

Mr. Maticic is a Line Haul supervisor for ABF Freight Systems, Kingman, Ariz. Mrs. Maticic is a nurse at Mohave General Hospital in Kingman.

**MR. AND MRS. RICHARD ONDISH**, former residents who now reside in Orange, will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary Sunday. They were married Aug. 21, 1950 in Reno, Nevada and at St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church in Kingston by Rev. John Rupach. Mrs. Ondish is the former Elizabeth Sanson, of Virginia. Mr. Ondish is the son of Andrew Ondish of Swyersville.

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