

# The West Side

With Joe Gula

## Here And There

**MR. AND MRS. LEO GAVLICK**, Creek St., Swoyersville, returned home after spending several days in Baltimore, Maryland, visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Donna Gavlick. While there, they took in a Baltimore Oriole baseball game. Mr. Gavlick is employed as a Civil Engineer.

**BOB AND JOAN WORLINSKI**, Ave. A, Swoyersville, returned home this past week after visiting Bob's sister, Loretta, in West Palm Beach, Florida. Bob played on a few of the top golf courses there.

**RESIDENTS OF SWOYERSVILLE** who live on streets under construction can request a driveway depression by calling the office of the borough coordinator at the Swoyersville Municipal Building.

Where there is presently a depression, one will be provided, but no further improvements will be made. Concrete will be replaced with concrete and asphalt with any other type surface.

Residents should not contact the contractor to make the request, but must contact the coordinator's office.

**MRS. BERNADINE TORBIK ROMANOWSKI**, a former resident of Swoyersville, was killed in an automobile accident on Aug. 12 in Fort Pierce, Florida. She had been a resident of Fort St. Lucie, Florida since 1974 where they moved from Garfield, N.J.

A graduate of Swoyersville High, Class of 1947, she is survived by her husband, Leonard "Moose" Romanowski and a brother, Martin Torbik, Barber St., Swoyersville.

Making the trip to Florida for the funeral were Martin and Ann Mary Torbik, Tom and Rosalie Gulla, Owen St., Swoyersville; Barbara Pochec, Hemlock St., Swoyersville; and Della Milauskas, Stroudsburg.

**SWOYERSVILLE AND LUZERNE** lost a good friend in Mrs. Stanley Brooks, Miller St., Luzerne, as she passed away last week. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were active in the Swoyersville Senior Citizens.

**SWOYERSVILLE LOST ANOTHER** of its fine citizens as Mrs. Pauline Mussell, 84 Pear St., passed away this past week. She is the former Pauline Koptcho, daughter of the late George and Mary Koval Koptcho.

**ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND OF OURS**, Frank Koninski, Courtright St., Pringle passed away this past week. Our condolences go out to all of the families of the above deceased.

**UNION BEVERAGE** of the Luzerne Shopping Center, next to the Liquor Store and the Holiday Pancake House, is celebrating its second anniversary in the business. Owner of the Beverage place is Sam Puma. He invites everyone to come and see his place, see the variety of beverages he carries and to get acquainted with his workers, Jerry Storz, Bill Storz, Bob Franklin, Jim Sinclair. The anniversary continues until Labor Day.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oster as they moved into their new home on Hemlock St., Swoyersville near the old Swoyersville High School. Mrs. Oster is the former Mary Ann Baron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. AVNTHONY Baron of Swoyersville. They are the parents of two children, Karen and Christopher. The Osters are the owners and operators of Baron's Seafood, located on Ave. A., Swoyersville.

**THE MEADOWLANDS** will be the place to be on Monday, Aug. 29, as many of the Penn State Nittany Lions Rooters will be there to root for their team as they begin the season against the strong Nebraska team.

Bob Ontko Jr., Jay St., Swoyersville, is playing for the Lions this year. Bob Sr., his wife, Lucille; Jerry Ontko, James Ontko and grandpa Stanley Janoski will be at the game. Also making the trip will be Frank Roche, Miller St., Luzerne and Sibby Cicero, Dallas. Both Frank and Sibby will take in the Dodgers-Mets game on Sunday and stay over for the big football game.

**IT'S GOOD TO SEE** Andy Gulla of Dallas once in a while. Andy recently retired from PP&L and likes to work in his yard. Andy and his late brother Dan, were top baseball players in the late forties and fifties. They hit the ball a mile and that's no lie.

**THE ANNUAL GAMES PARTY**, sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Ann's Church, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall, Bennett St., Luzerne. Many handmade items will be available as prizes. Tickets may be purchased from any member or at the door.

Chairpersons are Helen Sweetra and Tillie Sabol; gift committee, Ann Evans, Maryann Bellanca; refreshments, Mary Oncay and Rita Snyder; ticket returns, Mae Krench; admissions, Mary Kachmar; Julia Gutch, games; Jean Winslow, floor; Blance Supinsky, Marcella Masaika, Ann Wasilowski, Marian Savakinas, Emily Swetra, Carolyn Ropus, Mae Krench, Helen Peck, Mary Watkins, Loretta Lukasavage, Mary Miraglia.

**THE SAILORS**, the Swoyersville Junior Football Team of coach Paul Pasek will host the Wyoming-West Wyoming Cowboys at Roosevelt Field on Sunday, Aug. 28. A large crowd is expected as another rivalry is restored as the two former high schools used to meet every year up until 1946 when Swoyersville elected to go to a higher league.

Pasek's team has been working hard and is expected to try to retain their championship from last year. Good Luck, guys.

**WEST SIDE SENIOR CITIZENS OF PROJECT HEAD** will hold their 10th Anniversary Dinner on Oct. 19 with Anna Baines in charge of arrangements.

Helen Amos, trips coordinator, announced members will visit the Bloomsburg Fair on Sept. 29.

The following members were listed as hospital patients, Peter Tomko, General; Mary Mandysch and Anna Sumpolitz, Nesbitt; Anna Rosenberger, Mercy.

Betty Stash reminded members that choral group practice will be held at her home.

Next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 29, with Julie Bednar, Caroline Blassic and Josephine Balen as hostesses.

**THE LADIES AID SOCIETY** of St. John's Church, Miller St., Luzerne, will sponsor a trip to the shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Washington, N.J.

The bus trip will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 13, with the bus leaving St. John's School grounds at 9:30 a.m.

A few seats on the bus are available and reservations can be made by contacting Elaine Evansky or Matilda Moreck any time this week.

**THE SWOYERSVILLE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE** will hold its Annual Softball Banquet on Sunday, Sept. 18 at the Andrew Lawrence American Legion Post 644

Home on Shoemaker St., Swoyersville.

Toastmaster will be Professor John Kolesar. Main speaker will be Ms. Carolyn Berti, Field Hockey Coach at Valley West Middle School in Kingston.

Tickets can be picked up by calling President Fran Meyers at 288-0224. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**MR. AND MRS. JOHN KOSCO**, 54 Jay St., Swoyersville, celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary this past Saturday. They were married in Holy Trinity church Swoyersville.

Mrs. Kosco is the former Rose Krakosky of Swoyersville. Mr. Kosco was formerly employed 40 years as a baker for the Boston Candy Shop in Wilkes Barre prior to his retirement.

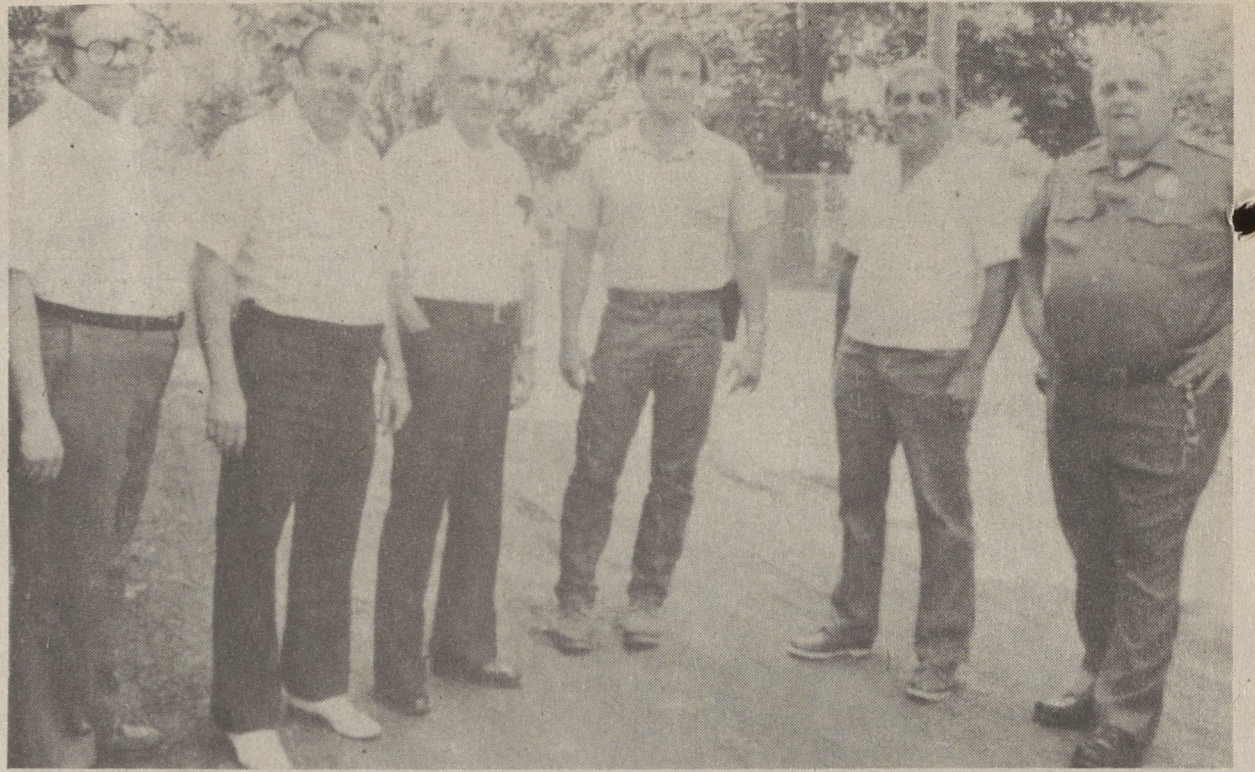
The couple were blessed with three children: Mrs. Anne Cambria, Bernardsville, N.J., Mrs. Rosalie McGough, Forty Fort, and John Jr., Walkersville, Md. They also have nine grandchildren.

**MR. AND MRS. RALPH WONSAVAGE**, 2fe Lackawanna Ave., Swoyersville, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary this past Saturday. They were married by Rev. William Popkatka, at St. Mary's Church in Wilkes-Barre.

They are the parents of three children: Mrs. Frank Jones, Wilkes-Barre; Carol Holdkoski, RN, East Stroudsburg; and Ralph Jr., at home. They also have four grandchildren, Daniel Goleach, Frank, Chris and Corey Jones.

**THE SWOYERSVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS** recently held their Annual Outing at Granddaddy's Grove with about 150 in attendance. A picnic menu was served by Mrs. Verna Husovsky and her staff. Chairpeople were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kelley, Angelo Costello, president, entertained the crowd with his guitar and a sing along was held and games played.

Trip chairman Clara Belle Reggie, announced there are several seats on the bus for the shopping trip to Utica N.Y. Agnes Vitanovec led members in prayer and the pledge to the flag.



### Work Begins

Swoyersville Borough officials are shown here at the intersection of Dennison St. and Townend Ave. as Addy Construction of Wilkes-Barre began repairing streets. From left, Councilman James Pugh; Councilman William Lehman, Chairman Michael Emershaw, Engineer Chester Lukasiewicz of Pasonick Engineers, Councilman Ron Alunni and Chief of Police William Dorman. Absent at the time of the photo were Councilwoman Lillian Munley, Councilman John Marcin, Mayor Anthony Stefanoski, Borough Administrator Michael Simko and Street Commissioner John "Sockey" Saxon.

## Street Repair Begins in Borough

The first of 11 streets in the borough of Swoyersville is currently under construction, according to Borough Coordinator Mike Simko.

Originally, North Lackawanna Avenue was to be the first roadway for work, but problems with the utility poles developed and work was started on Townend Avenue instead.

"North Lackawanna Ave. and Townend Ave. are admittedly the worst in town, as they haven't

received much attention since the flood," said Simko. He added that apparently the utility poles on North Lackawanna Avenue are too close to the roadways and must be removed before construction can begin.

"Instead of going around the poles and having a belly in the curbing, UGI will be moving the poles back further on the tree lawn," Simko explained. Nevertheless, the \$387,000

project, contracted to Addy Asphalt, began last week. Roadways scheduled for reconstruction within the next year are Talcott, Bigelow, Stock, Bond, Laverick, New, Harridon, Oliver and a portion of Warsaw Streets.

Simko said the roads will be totally reconstructed, along with sidewalks where they already exist. Driveway aprons will be replaced with concrete or blacktop.

## WWV Announces School Calendar

The Board of School Directors, Wyoming Valley West School District, recently adopted the school calendar for the 1983-84 school year. The calendar is the result of discussions with school directors, staff members, parents, and other districts which send students to West Side Area Vocational Technical School.

Included are five Act 80 Days (early dismissal for students) as well as the usual three in-service days for teachers.

The calendar is as follows: Aug. 29 - In-service day for staff members; Aug. 30 - first day of school for students; Sept. 5 - Labor Day - no school; Sept. 21 - Act 80 Day; Oct. 10 - in-service day; Nov. 3 - end of first marking period; Nov. 10 - Act 80 Day; Week of Nov. 13 - American Education Week; Nov. 24, 25, 28 - no school, Thanksgiving Holiday; Dec. 23, 26 to 30, Jan. 2 - no school, end of year recess; Jan. 20 - end of second marking period; Jan. 24 - Act 80 Day; Feb. 17, 20 - no school, Winter Recess; Feb. 29 - Act 80 Day; March 16 - in-service day; March 28 - end of third marking period; April 5 - Act 80 Day; April 20, 23 - no school, Spring Recess; No school on April 19, 24, 25 unless these days are needed to make a full school year; May 28 - Memorial Day, no school; June 7 - end of fourth marking period and last day of school. June 8 will be a school day if there is a school closing day after March 31. Commencement will be Thursday, June 7.

## WWV Teachers Report Aug. 29

Dr. Ellwood B. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools, Wyoming Valley West School District, has announced the Wyoming Valley West School District will open the 1983-84 school year on Aug. 29 with an in-service day program for all professional staff employees. First day of school for students will be Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The morning session of the in-service program will be at the middle school, Kingston. Dr. Jacoby and Anthony F. Kane, Jr., President, Wyoming Valley West Education Association, will be the speakers at a general assembly in the auditorium from 9 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.

Building administrators will meet with their teachers from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Elementary Principal Nelson H. Kile will meet with the Dana Elementary Center staff (Dana-Pettebone-Schuyler) in rooms 102-103; Elementary Principal William Bosso - Main St. Elementary Center Staff (Main-Chester-Rutter) - Room 21; and Elementary Principal John A. Lagoski - State Street Elementary Center staff (State-Pringle-Third) - Rooms 105-106. David E. Leapline, Middle School Principal, will meet his teachers in the auditorium. High School Principal James F. Ferris will meet the high school faculty in the boys gym.

Group meetings are scheduled from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dr. Norman D. Namey will meet the curricular chairpersons in Rooms 102-103; a reading consultant of the Ginn Publishing Company will speak to the teachers of Grades 1 and 2 in Room 21; school nurses and dental hygienist with Mrs. Genevieve Michalek in conference room; special education teachers with Mr. Ronald Moran in Rooms 105-106; Mr. Paul Irzinski, Intermediate Unit No. 18, will speak to all other elementary and secondary teachers in the auditorium.

All faculty members will report to their respective assigned schools at 1:05 p.m. to prepare for the opening of school. Dismissal will be at 3 p.m.

## Substitute Teachers Asked to Report

Those persons interested in doing substitute teaching at Wyoming Valley West School District this coming school year are requested to forward their applications promptly.

Dr. Ellwood B. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools, is reminding those who did substitute teaching last school year and are applying for substitute teaching this coming year to submit the results of their tuberculin testing immediately inasmuch as tuberculin testing is a requirement mandated by state law. Those who have not submitted the results of the tuberculin testing will not be recommended for substitute teaching.



### United Pants Team

Pictured above are members of the United Pants Company team of the Swoyersville Little League minors. The team finished the season in second place with an 11-9 record. From left, first row, Peter Palmatera, Tony Costello, Mike Urban, Ed Sartin, Jeff Williams. Second row, Head coach Bob Betnar, Bob Betnar Jr., Mike Butchko, Rob Urban, Dave Gulla, manager. Third row, Eric Songalia, Joe Lipinski, Joe Vikara.



### Lions Club Team

Pictured above are members of the Lions Club Team of the Swoyersville Major Little League who recently ended their season. From left, first row, Bill Quinn, Meramy Sprague, Bob Pugh, Dave Ash. Second row, manager Paul Pasek, Mark Williams, Scott Stefanides, Kurt Ruch. Third row, George Sitar, Rob LaNunziata, Mike Bednar, Jim Ambrose. Absent at the time of the photo was Ted Gabel, coach.



### Softball All Stars

Pictured above are members of the Wyoming Valley Girls Major League Softball All Stars from both the American League and the National League. From left, first row, Stephanie Kolman, Mitch Baker, Lee Travis, Gina Bayo, Patty Mackin, Kathy Kindler. Second row, Sylvia Travis, manager, Ashley Troubles; Chris Wascalus, Katie Lasco, Kim Schneiderite, Trica Schwenk, Sue Humenansky, Lori Allen, Mauren Murray. Third row, Bea Nardone, manager, Laffin; Michaele Tankoviak, Tracy Pahl, Lisa Menichini, Lori Nardone, Beth Groves, Kim Kachmarsk. Fourth row, Steve Nicozo, manager, Forty Fort Road Runners; Jim Cox, coach, Forty Fort Road Runners; Karen Allen, manager, Swoyersville Cutters Auto Parts; Debby Wysocki, manager, Swoyersville Barilla's; Peggy Mesaros, manager, Forty Fort Robins; and Bob Allen, manager, Swoyersville Kiwanis.