

COMING EVENTS

Sales

A HOAGIE SALE conducted by the Lake-Léman Band Sponsors will be held Tuesday, May 22 instead of Tuesday, May 15. Change of date is due to the band trip to Montreal Canada.

Those wishing to order hoagies may call Al Jenkins at 696-2951 by May 17.

THE AUXILIARY OF THE DALLAS FIRE AND AMBULANCE INC. will hold its second annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dallas Borough Building.

Anyone having anything to donate may bring articles to the borough building on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. or call 675-3713 or 675-3338 after 5 p.m.

Church

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, announces the following schedule:

Sunday, May 13 - 8 a.m., A Mother's Day Breakfast will be served to the women of the church.

Monday, May 14 - United Methodist Women's unit meeting.

Tuesday, May 22 - 8 to 9:30 p.m. Wills, Trusts and Legacies Seminar.

Events

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY of St. Ignatius Church, Kingston, has planned a "Recycle Day" Saturday, May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Ann's Chapel parking lot, North Goodwin and Hoyt Streets.

All old newspapers and aluminum cans will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit the youth activities of the parish, help fight waste... "Recycle."

REV. JIMMY AND VICKIE ALEXANDER will host a Unity Crusade on Wednesday, May 9 to Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m. each night at the Irem Temple, 52 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

These meetings are to bring unity to all Christians. A healing and miracle service will be held during these meetings.

THE DALLAS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PARENTS-TEACHERS ORGANIZATION will sponsor a roller skating party on Thursday, May 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Roller King on Third Avenue in Kingston.

Admission is \$1.25 and skate rental is 75 cents.

Lectures

NESBITT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL invites area residents to attend a free lecture series entitled, "The Real Way to Weight Control," sponsored jointly by the hospital's Education and Dietary departments. The series will begin on Wednesday, May 9 and continue for four successive Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Medical Arts Building adjacent to the hospital.

Speaking at the opening session will be Jeffrey Sternlieb, Ph.D. Dr. Sternlieb, psychologist, will detail the basic principles of behavior modification and discuss the psychological aspects of obesity.

The series will conclude on June 6 with a calorie-controlled chicken dinner served in the hospital cafeteria at 6 p.m. Reservations for the dinner are necessary and can be

made by calling the hospital's Dietary Department, 288-1411, ext. 4664.

For more information concerning the lecture series, contact the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Education office at 288-1411, ext. 4036.

SOL SHERRY, M.D., Chairman of Medicine at Temple University School of Medicine, will speak at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital on Thursday, May 10. The internationally distinguished physician will address a group of area physicians on Pulmonary Embolism and Thrombophlebitis. The lecture will take place at 11 a.m. in the classroom of the Medical Arts Building, Kingston.

Dr. Sherry is an international authority on the subject of thrombosis and blood clotting diseases. His work in the field has earned him a number of prestigious awards, including a recent Gold Medal from the International Congress on Thrombosis and Hemostasis. He has been recognized as one of the world's foremost pioneers in blood clot dissolving therapy, a revolutionary technique that uses the drug streptokinase, with which Sherry has performed extensive research.

Dr. Sherry's lecture is the final program in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's 1983-84 Continuing Physician Education Program. The program, co-sponsored by Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, and Temple University School of Medicine, is designed to keep physicians and other health care professionals aware of current development in medicine. Dr. William H. Boyle serves as Chairman of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's Education and Library Committee. The program is funded in part by a grant from Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Eli Lilly, Upjohn, Ciba and Mead Johnson.

Dinners

THE KUNKLE FIRE CO. ANNUAL CHICKEN SUPPER will be held Saturday, May 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kunkle Community Hall. Tickets will be available at the door.

THE BACK MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY will hold a kickoff dinner on Friday, May 11, at Irem Temple Country Club.

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. A mini auction will be held during the cocktail hour with dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$16 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Energy aid is offered

Representative Frank Coslett of the 120th Legislative District urged his district residents to contact their county assistance office if they think they may be eligible for this winter's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The federally-funded LIHEAP helps households pay heating bills, whether the home is owned or rented, and regardless of the type of fuel used. This year, more households than ever are eligible for a portion of the \$150 million in LIHEAP benefits available statewide.

Maximum income eligibility limits per household are:

1 person, \$7,290; 2 persons, \$9,180; 3, \$12,330; 4, \$14,850; 5, \$17,370; 6, \$19,890.

Pugh's 'Shaftdiggers' is like dream come true

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

"The Shaftdiggers," a historical biography written by William R. Pugh of Shavertown, is proving to be a much more popular seller than Pugh and his wife, Elizabeth, ever imagined.

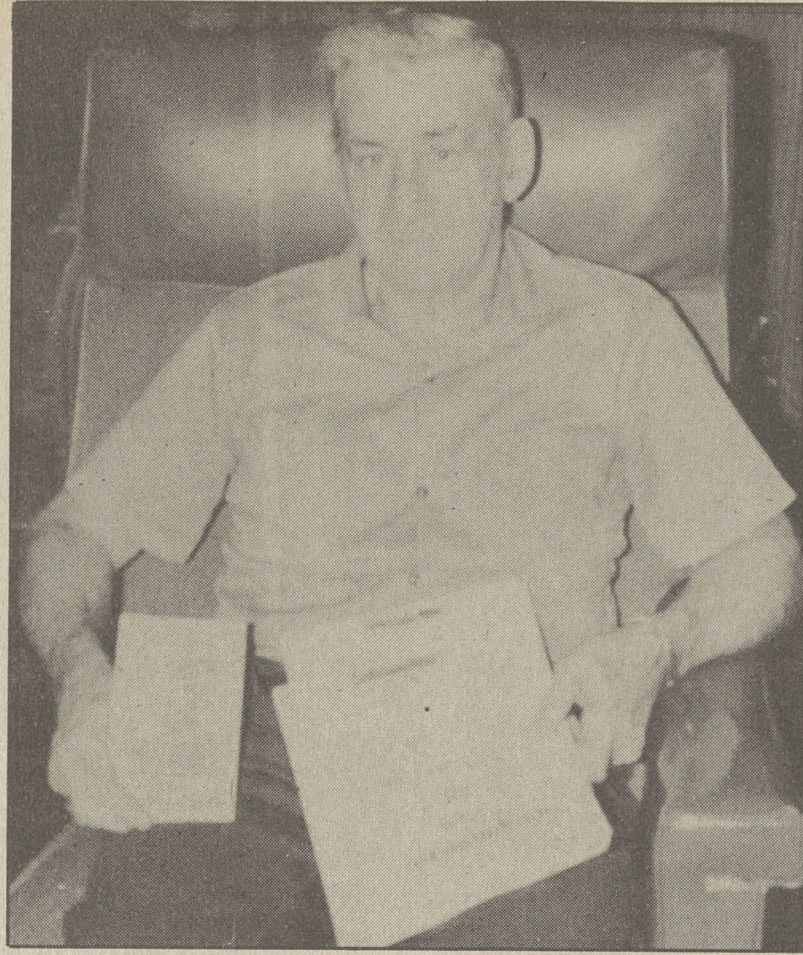
The book, actually a story of Pugh's family from the time his grandfather came to Wyoming Valley from Wales with his wife, Margaret, recounts John's experiences in sinking shafts and slopes in both the coal and salt (yes, salt) mines of Pennsylvania. Entwined throughout the book are stories about John and Margaret and their four sons and daughter, Liz.

William Pugh wrote the first manuscript of the book 16 years ago, but the pages lay dormant until about eight years ago when he came across them and rewrote the book. Then Pugh became busy and put it aside. It was not until after he suffered a heart attack that he finished it and had it published.

The book is currently on sale at drug stores in the area, including Fino's in Dallas, Cook's in Shavertown and Kingston, and also in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's Hospitality Shop. In Cook's Drug Store alone, over 100 copies of the book have been sold and autographed copies of the book have been in great demand.

"The Shaftdiggers" is not the only book written by Pugh. Since being hospitalized he has completed two others and has a fourth one three quarters of the way completed.

Pugh's second book is "My Mother's Side", a story of his mother's family; the third "Never A Backward Step", a story on drug



BILL PUGH

use and abuse in the Back Mountain. The fourth book is about the Civil War with a unique approach. It deals with the care of the horses, how they were obtained and how they were prepared for the troops to go into battle. All four books are based on actual facts. "Few people realize," said Pugh, "That during

the Civil War, 17 Infantry Companies were quartered at Rose Hill in Kingston Township.

"The Kingston Township Police were 10 years ahead of the time when it came to drug use in the Back Mountain," he added. "We spent many hours working on leads, solving cases and cooperating with

drug enforcement officers. We also spoke to various service groups and women and parent organizations. I remember being criticized many times because I put so much emphasis on drug use and abuse.

"I would like to see some of the organizations and clubs from the area sponsor the publishing of the book 'Never A Backward Step'. It tells many true-to-life incidents revolving around the Back Mountain. It would make a great parental guide in today's society. Although it mentions no names or places everything in the book is true."

Pugh first became familiar with drugs when he worked as an apartment house manager in Brooklyn, N.Y. It was a quick eye-opener to the harm caused by drug use and it took little time to convince him that there was a job to be done for our youth.

Of Welsh descent, Pugh was born in Kingston, but for the past 30 years has lived in Shavertown. Having worked in the mines for 15 years, he is very familiar with them. He worked as a guard at the State Correctional Institution of Dallas for five and a half years, starting there when it first opened. After managing the apartment house in Brooklyn, Pugh returned to the Back Mountain where he has served for 16 years on the Kingston Township Police Department. For the past two years, he has held the rank of Sergeant.

"The Shaftdiggers" is an unusual title but an interesting and an exciting book. If William Pugh so desires, he can start on the road to a new career because the manuscripts of the next two are just as interesting and exciting. They are tales of love, labor, tragedy and excitement that can be re-lived only in print.

Seniors urged to participate

State Secretary of Aging Gorham L. Black, Jr., urged senior citizens to complete applications for the new Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) program and return them by May 31.

The PACE program will begin July 1 and will provide pharmaceutical assistance to Pennsylvania residents age 65 and over with incomes of less than \$9,000 (single) and \$12,000 (couple). Eligible persons will be required to pay the first \$4 of each prescription for medicines with Lottery funds paying the remaining costs.

We are asking senior citizens and those individuals who will help to complete the forms to return the PACE application as soon as possible and making sure proper documentation for age and residency is included, Black said.

Documentation for the 90-day residency requirement must include a copy of one of the following: valid driver's license, social security check, rent receipt, public utility receipt, local tax record, a signed federal, state or local income tax return, records of contact with public or private social service agency, and employment records.

Documentation that an applicant is 65 years of age must include a copy of one of the following: a birth certificate, church baptismal record showing date of birth, hospital birth record, a social security administration document showing date of birth (a social security card or Medicare card are not acceptable), a passport or naturalization papers or military discharge papers.



MICHAEL J. RAYMOND

Raymond receives promotion

Michael J. Raymond, Ph.D., a Clinical Psychologist at The Williamsport Hospital Harry R. Gibson Rehabilitation Center, has become the 30th person in the United States to be certified by The American Board of Professional Neuropsychologists.

Neuropsychology, a sub-specialty of clinical psychology, involves the diagnosis and treatment of persons with, or suspected of having, central nervous system disorders. These may include strokes, head injuries, tumors, Multiple Sclerosis, learning disorders, organic mental disorders, or other neurological disorders.

Dr. Raymond received his doctorate in rehabilitation-psychology at Florida State University, in Tallahassee. Also, he has done post-doctorate work at the Medical College in Georgia. The clinical psychologist earned his masters' degree at the University of Scranton, and did his undergraduate work at St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa.

At the Rehabilitation Center, Dr. Raymond is associated with Dr. Richard N. Landis, Chief Psychologist, and Dr. John K. Walmer, Rehabilitation Psychologist.

Dr. Raymond is married to the former Carrie Roberts. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roberts, of Kunkle.

Pennsylvania Nurse Week is observed

The Pennsylvania Nurses Association is observing May 6 to 12 as Pennsylvania Nurse Week.

A proclamation issued by Governor Richard Thornburgh sets aside this week to cite nursing's commitment to provide quality health care for Pennsylvania's citizens: "Nursing plays an important role in Pennsylvania's health care system, and we take pride in the skill and efforts of the 76,650 actively employed professional nurses in the Commonwealth."

The Governor urges all citizens to join with him in expressing pride and appreciation for the services rendered by professional nurses in the Keystone State all year long but especially May 6 to 12.

Members of the PNA will mark this week with various activities including recognizing Outstanding Staff Nurses within hospitals, home

health agencies, long term and extended care facilities. Also nurses from across the state are also participating with the American Heart Association and the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association in high blood pressure screenings April 30 through May 5.

Registered nurses throughout the country will sponsor similar events to highlight the daily professional role of the nation's 1.6 million RN's. There are more than 157,000 licensed professional nurses in Pennsylvania of which 76,650 are actively employed.

The Pennsylvania Nurses Association is a statewide organization with a membership of over 10,000 and has represented nurses in the Commonwealth since 1903. PNA is one of the oldest and largest constituents of the American Nurses' Association.

Bid

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case by Attorneys Gifford Cappellini and Joe Yanoski.

Wilson, who has served on the Dallas School Board since 1981, could not be reached for comment. His son, Tex Jr., reported the senior Wilson was "out of town for the day."

Wilson and Sickler reportedly told Smith Miller & Associates officials that a Pittston businessman was planning to submit a bid in the amount of \$100,000 for the building, causing the Kingston firm to raise its bid to the accepted \$116,500. However, no bid was ever received from a Pittston businessman.

Representatives of Smith Miller & Associates reportedly informed State Police they had originally planned to submit a bid in the amount of \$76,500 for the building which they hope to convert into apartments for the elderly. Currently, the architectural firm is waiting for a possible zoning ordi-

nance change from the Kingston Township Zoning Board to allow for the conversion.

Wilson and Sickler, arraigned Friday afternoon before District Justice Earl Gregory of Shavertown, are charged with three counts of criminal conspiracy, obstructing administration of law or other governmental functions, and speculation or wagering on official action or information.

Four of the charges against Sickler and Wilson are second degree misdemeanors and carry maximum penalties of \$5,000 and two years in prison. One count of criminal conspiracy is a felony of the third degree carrying penalties of seven years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

Both men were released after posting \$2,500 bail each and a preliminary hearing date has been set for Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

It is believed that both men will continue to serve on the school board despite the arrests.

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ences were happy ones, however some are quite serious.

"One time while we were at a camp, about 15 girls and their counselors got lost in the mountains," she said. "We searched for them all night long, and once again it began to rain. We finally found them the next morning. They were huddled around a tree, eating cold hot dogs."

Mrs. Rossman was involved with the Girl Scouts for 40 years before leaving the organization to take care of her ailing mother. However, young blood flowed through her veins and it wasn't long before she became involved with other youth groups.

The first one was the Youth Temperance Council. She became the leader of this group, and took on the responsibility of teaching the group members the consequences of alcohol abuse and smoking.

Next came the Christian Youth Council at her church. This involved the younger children of the church. She led that group for only a short time when she was asked to be a leader for the Senior Youth Group at the same church. She accepted, and has held that position for the past 15 years.

According to Mrs. Rossman, she does just about everything the kids do, including camping, hiking and church work.

"I think I get along with kids so well because I remember what it was like to be a teenager myself," she said.

Mrs. Rossman's new pride and joy are her two great-granddaughters. It may sound odd that a great-grandmother could be a youth leader, but as the old saying goes, "age is of the mind", and as far as Mrs. Rossman is concerned, she'll always be young at heart.

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