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### Special lessons

Pictured above are members of the Lake Lehman High School faculty who are preparing special lessons in both the Social Studies and Science departments in honor of New Hampshire schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe, who perished along with six other crew members of the space shuttle Challenger in a fiery explosion shortly after liftoff last Tuesday. From left, John Comitz, social studies teacher who applied for the space shuttle mission; Christine Kopcho, chairman of the science department; Lake Lehman principal, John Zaleskas, and Bob Roberts, chairman of the social studies department.

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forms back to fill out," Hughes said. "But I never followed through with it. I should have, I just never got around to it. But you know it's funny because I never liked space science."

Hughes says his interest has been generated by the changes that are now taking place in the field of science.

"Nuclear energy is a thing of the past," Hughes explained. "Laser power is the future and that has the Russians scared."

Like teachers all across the nation, Hughes was deeply saddened by the death of New Hampshire schoolteacher, Christa McAuliffe, who was one of seven persons who died aboard the Challenger.

When asked to comment on the former social studies instructor, he simply said with a smile, "She spoke well enough of her profession."

Another area educator who applied for the shuttle mission was Lake Lehman social studies teacher John Comitz.

An employee of the Lehman school district since 1970, Comitz said he felt sick when he heard of the fate of Challenger and its crew members. But, despite the tragedy he said he would not hesitate to apply for another mission should the opportunity arise.

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more snags, inquired why the project would take so long to complete. Peters assured them, however, that that was a maximum date and that it could very easily be completed before the six-month period expires.

The sites, which will be located at the prison itself, the Jackson Township municipal building and north of the Huntsville Nursery near Wallow Pines, will be equipped with three state-of-the-art computerized electronic sirens.

Peters said the sirens, which are being widely used across the country, would be delivered within 30

days if in stock. But, Lemmond and the other legislators present, said they would help expedite the matter should problems develop.

Originally, the group put together a package deal that would acquire not only the siren project, but others consisting of towers, lights and fences to be constructed at various locations. But, since the siren was pulled from that original package and given first priority.

The development of the other items on the list now appear to be at least a year away. Even though money has been allocated, officials explained that it is not necessarily available.

— JOHN HOINSKI

## Obituaries

### HAROLD EARL WALL

Harold Earl Wall, 76, of Shawanese, Harveys Lake, died January 28 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, after being stricken ill at home.

Surviving are his wife, the former Iva Frantz; sons, Harold E., Centermoreland; Corey L., Dallas; Ralph K., Shavertown; daughters, Mrs. Shirley Gashi, Laceyville; Mrs. Dorothy Shotwell, Shavertown; 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 31 from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek, with the Rev. William W. Kennard, pastor of the Alderson United Methodist Church, and the William W. Reid, pastor of the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

### ALFRED DAVIS

Alfred G. Davis, 63, of 174 Huntsville Road, Dallas, died January 28 at home.

Surviving are his cousins. Funeral services were held January 31 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with Pastor Cliff C. Jones of the Huntsville Christian Church officiating. Interment, Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville.

### JOSEPH RAKSHYS

Joseph W. Rakshys, of 1200 S. Main St., Hanover Township, a

former teacher in the Dallas High School, died January 29 in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, where he had been a patient for one week.

Surviving are his wife, the former Evelyn P. Searoff; his son, Joseph W. Jr., Columbia, Md.; daughter, Mrs. Michael DiPaola, Westwood, N.J.; five grandchildren; brothers, John, Plymouth; Frank, Clifton, N.J.; Edward, Pequannock, N.J.; sisters, Mrs. Anne Sistgreaves, Fort Lauderdale; Mrs. Connie Jones, Montgomery, N.Y.; Mrs. Carl Wohltman, of West Virginia; Mrs. Joseph Diskowski, Wilkes-Barre; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held February 1 from the Mamary-Durkin Funeral Home, Wilkes-Barre, with the Rev. Henry Medd officiating. Interment, Wyoming Lithuanian Cemetery, Wyoming.

### CHARLES C. ELY

Charles C. Ely, 80, of Market St., Lehman, died January 31 at his home following a brief illness.

Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Bertha Breisch, Bloomsburg; Mrs. Ethel WEntzel, Lehman. His wife, Elsie, died July 3, 1971.

Funeral services were held February 3 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with the Rev. Michael Shambora, pastor of the Lehman United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment, Lehman Center Cemetery.

## Reporter

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golden qualities he believed he would find, truth, honesty, peace, compassion and understanding.

Behind the large glass doors of the office he shared with the editor-in-chief of his newspapers, Bill Scranton always had the time to listen to the problems of his employees and to do what he could to help resolve them. In turn, he sought advice from those around him, whether they were young or old, and if he deemed it wise, followed that advice. He was not only employer, but a friend as well to all staff members.

Sixteen years ago, Scranton cast aside comfortable living, his family's home "Marworth" owned by his father, former Gov. William W. Scranton, and instead lived in a small rustic cabin miles out in the country, his meals the natural foods he prepared for himself. He withdrew from the chaos and conflict in the world around him by spending time in meditation, alone, or with some of those who worked with him.

He was always ready to pitch in and lend a hand when work piled up. When a machine broke down or when help was needed in production, Bill was on the spot, doing what he could to make the work go smoother.

At one time, when the residents at the State Correctional Institution of Dallas threatened a work stoppage, it was he who volunteered his time to try to negotiate with them. His offer was accepted and he went day and night for several days negotiating with the prisoners and avoiding a crisis.

During Hurricane Agnes in 1972, he worked shoulder-to-shoulder with other volunteers in the Valley, and later worked round-the-clock at the distribution center set up at the Dallas Junior High School.

Like all humans, Scranton had weaknesses. He often stepped backward in his trek to the end of the rainbow. But, he knew his weaknesses and he persevered to overcome them.

He was a controversial individual during his years as owner and publisher of the Greenstreet newspapers. Many times his editorials or decisions were unpopular with local readers. The ultra-conservatives of the Back Mountain communities considered Bill a "radical"; the radicals, in the minority locally, considered him a "conservative."

Bill Scranton was neither. He was just "himself." He had a definite opinion of "good living" and he never wavered. If he was sensitive to the opinion of others, he never

showed it, at least not to us. He had compassion for all men and he was among the first businessmen to participate in the SCID's work program, which proved very successful at that time.

Then in 1973, he called a meeting of the entire staff as he did on all important occasions to make an announcement. He was leaving the papers, leaving them in what he considered good hands, to travel the world for Transcendental Meditation, the technique of relaxation and mind sharpening. He said he would

come back sometime in the future — he did, twice, once by himself and the second time, with his new wife, Coral, whom he had met while studying Transcendental Meditation.

Today, Bill Scranton's appearance is different — there is no long hair, no jeans, and a wife and three children have replaced the large Irish setter at his side. His image, however, is the same. He still stands on his own principles, he is taking his final steps to the "gold" at the end of his rainbow, the governorship of Pennsylvania.

## Fire consultant is introduced to twp. supervisors

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Correspondent

Roland Evans, chief of Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department, introduced Jeffrey J. Washinger, fire department consultant of the Department of Community Affairs, to Jackson Township supervisors at the regular meeting Monday.

Washinger explained that his department, at the request of the fire company, did a study of the Jackson Township fire department to assist the department in reaching its goals and objectives.

He emphasized the importance of the township supervisors taking an active interest in the well-being of their department and to establish a two-way communication between the supervisors and the fire department. Washinger explained that if the supervisors and the fire department officials could begin to foster a better working relationship with each other, it could mean the successful survival of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He also presented supervisors and taxpayers in the audience with copies of the study done by the Department of Community Affairs

including all phases of the organization as well as recommendations to improve the present fire department.

Chairman Walter Zincavage expressed appreciation to Washinger on behalf of the supervisors.

Henry Zbiek reported that only one bid in the amount of \$1,825 was received in answer to the township's for sale ad of their 1974 truck including a plow. The supervisors decided to table the bid until some time in the future. They agreed the purchase price offered was too low.

Solicitor Blythe Evans stated that Arthur Houck of New York had not taken any action against the township's complaint to raze the dilapidated building he owns near Huntsville Dam intersection.

## Marriage licenses

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