



Members inducted

At a recent meeting of the Lake Silkworth Lions Club, three new members were inducted into the club by Lion Chester Szalkowski, Zone Chairman, who presented the charge to the new Lions and their sponsors. The new members inducted and their sponsors were Tom Rushnock, sponsored by Lion Ed Piatt; George Yurko, sponsored by Lion Ed Piatt; and Bill Stine, sponsored by Lion Al Radginski. The Lions Club also recognized Jeff Austin of Lake-Lehman High School for scholastic achievement in and contributions to the overall school program. Jeff has maintained a perfect 4.0 average in his scholastic studies while participating in the demanding sport of wrestling. He has been a member of the National Honor Society since the ninth grade and a wrestling winner at the district and regional level during the same time frame. In his junior year he placed fifth in the state wrestling championship. He is an active member of the Ruggles United Methodist Church. His parents are Charles and Lynn Austin of Harveys Lake. From left above are George Yurko, new member; Ed Piatt, sponsor; Bill Stine, new member; Al Radginski, sponsor.



Program held

Ten people from Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council joined 485 Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts, Adult volunteers and paid staff members, from across the country for a national program conference held recently in Wilmington, Del. The meeting brought together representatives from 31 Girl Scout Councils in seven states that comprise region two, to exchange ideas, discuss new program resources and share successes for continued extension and development of Girl Scouting. Those who attended are shown above as they were leaving the Council office in Wilkes-Barre. They are, from left, Mary Lou Swingle, Shavertown, first vice president; Karen Stalgaitis, McAdoo, Senior Girl Scout; Kim O'Boyle, Kingston, Cadette Girl Scout; Karen Lindsay, Kingston, Neighborhood Director, Daisy Trainer and Troop Leader; Mary Ann Mackri, Shavertown, Daisy Girl Scout trainer and leader; Nancy Eckhart, Mountaintop, outdoor trainer and older girl trainer; Betty Ford, Wilkes-Barre, Staff Director of Membership Services; Susan McCartney, Owingsburg, Board member, trainer, and leader; Sandy Loomis, Mountaintop, outdoor and older girl trainer; Patricia Essler, Pottsville, Field Director for Neighborhoods in the Pottsville area.

Williams attains honor

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Michael Williams of Shavertown has been named a United States National Award winner in Science. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain as the Academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Mike attends Dallas Jr. High School and was nominated for this National Award by Mrs. Lee Ann Johnson, a gifted program teacher at the school. He recently won first

place in the gifted program Science Fair with his model of a laser.

Mike is a member of the Dallas Jr. High basketball team, student council, and is very active in Back Mountain sports programs, participating in soccer, baseball, and basketball.

He is the son of Mike and Carol Williams, Shavertown. His grandparents are Leo and Lena Williams of Mountaintop and Florence Killiri of West Pittston and the late Tony Killiri.

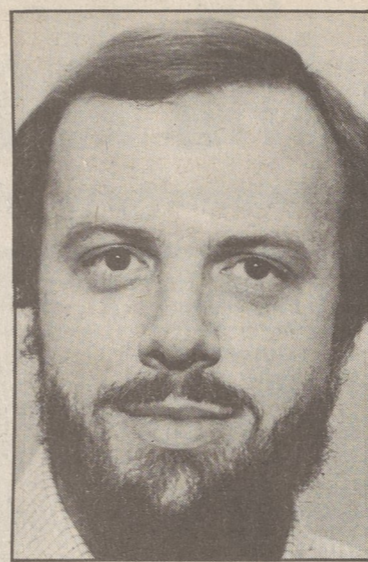
Pratt gets grant

Dr. Carl Pratt, Jr. of Shavertown, Assistant Professor of Biology at Penn State Wilkes-Barre has been awarded a \$14,000 research grant to further his studies on culm bank revegetation and reclamation. The grant comes from the Pennsylvania Research Corporation, a nonprofit group dedicated to fostering and advancing scientific research within the state.

His proposal is entitled "Characterization and Evaluation of Anthracite Mine Spoils for Purposes of Revegetation and Reclamation." The purpose of the project is to study the basic biology of the gray birch tree, which commonly grows on culm banks, in order to understand what characteristics allow them to survive. Dr. Pratt hopes the information gathered will provide insights as to which other plants, especially those of commercial value, might also survive on the banks and so improve our ability to revegetate such areas.

Dr. Pratt's research on the subject started 4 years ago, and he has already completed preliminary studies on Gray Birch seed germination and natural regeneration. He says he needed the equipment made available through the grant to carry on. "I have done all the work possible, including germination and aging studies. Now it was a matter of getting the equipment to be able to go any further."

His experiments are being carried



DR. CARL PRATT JR.

out on a mining site owned by the Pagnotti Coal Company in Swoyersville. He says company officials have been extremely cooperative, and are interested in research results.

Dr. Pratt, 34, has his Ph.D. in ecology from Syracuse University. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Muhlenberg College in 1974, and is a graduate of the Coatesville Area Senior High School. He has been teaching biology at Penn State Wilkes-Barre since the Fall of 1979.

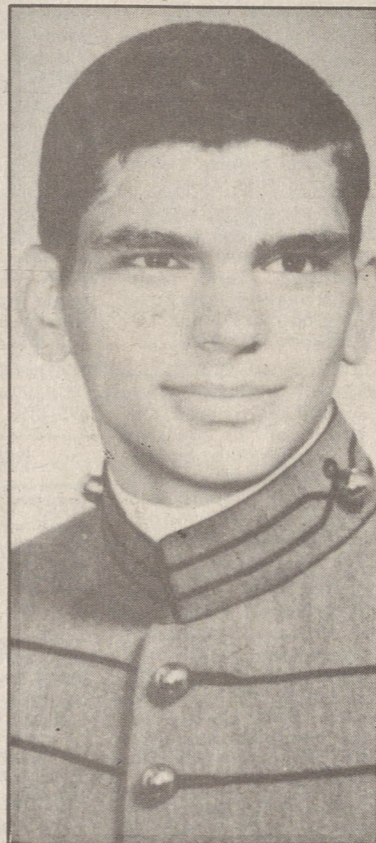
Bonsavage named 2nd lieutenant

David A. Bonsavage, son of David A. Bonsavage Sr. of Chiefland, Fla., and M. Terry Bonsavage of Rural Route 4, Dallas, was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. recently and awarded a degree in computer science.

The Military Academy is a four-year educational institution with the task of training young Americans to become professional Army officers. In addition to the military training, the academy stresses academics, intramural and intercollegiate athletics and other extracurricular activities.

The lieutenant is scheduled to attend training in the Air Defense Artillery Branch at Fort Bliss, Texas.

He is a 1982 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Lehman.



DAVID A. BONSAVAGE

Photo is winner

Jennifer Mullins, daughter of Patrick and Mary Jean Mullins, of Shavertown, was the subject of a photograph which recently received an Award of Excellence in the PPhotography Award Program sponsored by the International Professional Photographers Guild.

The photograph was taken by John J. Rygiel II of the Rygiel Studio of Photography in Wyoming.



MIKE WILLIAMS

Students honored

Patrizia Bove, right, Barbara Davies, center, and Jackie Holdredge, left, received Certificates of Merit for honorable mention and a gold achievement key for art work deserving extra commendation by the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholastic Art Awards Program.



Brownie project

Looking at a Civil War grave marker, left to right, are Sweet Valley Brownies, Becky Bonham (kneeling), Kim Brink, Jessica Kobal, and Amanda Shisson.

Brownies clean up cemetery

Brownies can do anything! Diane Bonham's Brownie Girl Scout Troop 606 in Sweet Valley proved that recently. They tackled a clean-up job in the old Sweet Valley Cemetery - and finished it - all between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

These little girls raked leaves and debris, pulled weeds, cut grass, planted flowers, and painted the fence. A few of their moms and one dad pitched in with the tools that the girls shouldn't use. But the girls were the busy bees who made use that there were flowers on most of the graves, in the urn, and that the flowers were watered. They picked up the faded old flags and replaced them with new flags donated by the Luzerne County Office of Veterans Affairs.

The fence painting turned into a classic Tom Sawyer tale - with perhaps as much paint on the girls as on the fence - but the end result is sparkling clean and obviously cared for.

What got these Brownies so busy? Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council was the recipient of a grant from the American Express Project Hometown America to fund the local "KIDS CARE" project.

"KIDS CARE" is intended to make it possible for local young people to decide on area appearance improvement projects and have the

necessary equipment to accomplish the task. The grant money, with local matching funds, has purchased a van and trailer, tools and safety equipment. The Girl Scout council is coordinating expediting, and networking to involve many community groups.

In Sweet Valley, Brownie Troop 606 supplied the project and the muscle power. "KIDS CARE" supplied safety vests and garbage bags donated by PennDOT and seedlings grown by the horticulture classes at the Wilkes-Barre Vocational Technical High School.

The end result is a community cemetery, where some of the graves date to before the Civil War, spruced up for the summer. When the parade went by on Memorial Day, those Brownie Girl Scouts said, "We did that", with a real sense of accomplishment.

Young people throughout Wyoming Valley, in school groups, religious groups, clubs, Girl or Boy Scouts, are invited to look around in their own part of the community to see if there is something that they think needs to be done to improve the community image.

Then contact the Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council office at 829-2631 to get on the "KIDS CARE" roster. Let's prove that kids really do care about their community.



Seminar hosted

The Educational Conference Center of Luzerne County Community College recently hosted the University of Pennsylvania Wilkes-Barre Off-Campus Doctorate Program Prom which is held annually for those students successfully completing their doctorate degree. This year's class was singled out as having the highest percentage of students successfully completing their course of study and finishing their dissertation. Members of the class include, from left, seated, Dr. Catherine Cannon, Kingston; Dr. Mary Clare Brown, Allentown; Dr. Kevin Lyons, professor, Jefferson University, Philadelphia; Dr. Allan Glatthorn, professor of University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Dr. Eleanor Hottenstein, Wilkes-Barre; and Dr. Rhoda Tillman, Dallas. Standing, Dr. Frank Plantan, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Dr. Karen Boback, Harveys Lake; Dr. Anthony J. Dreier, Wilkes-Barre Township; Dr. Frances Dreier, Wilkes-Barre; Dr. Florence Boucier, Scranton; Dr. Geraldine Shepperson, Hazleton; and Dr. Barbara Price, Dallas.



Seniors honored

Outstanding West Side Area Vocational-Technical School seniors were recently honored during the school's 18th Annual Academic and Vocational-Technical Awards Program. Shown here, from left, first row, are Dorothy Hartman, Susan Podskoch, Karen Ceppa, Martha Miller, Vicki Davenport, Lisa Adamitz, Angela Philpot, Martha Bigelow. Second row, Laura Kocher, Janet Blaine, Judy Gilligan, Carla Padavan, Kate Raphael, Judy Fisher, Polly Hughes, Peri-Sue Wolfe, Peggy Kaschak, Debbie Gronski. Third row, James Cwalina, Bill Fox, Bill Sayre, Bob Austin, Martin Yanchunis, Carl Pellam, Ray Miller, Francis Parsons, James Mazeika, Gary Young.