

# Obituaries

## Dorothy Wardell

Mrs. Dorothy K. Wardell, 75, of White Birch Village, Dallas, died September 8 in Leader West Nursing Center, Kingston, following an illness. She had been a patient there the past week.

Born in Hazleton, she lived in Wyoming Valley since 1936. She was a former secretary at Enterprise Aluminum Co., Wilkes-Barre, retiring in 1972.

She was an active member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, its Women's Society and the Quilter's Group and the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Surviving are sons, John B., of Houston, Texas; Thomas L. Suffield, Conn.; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Her husband, John F. Wardell, died in 1983.

## Alfred Ashton

Alfred A. Ashton, 71, of 1710 S. Race St., Allentown and Harveys Lake, died September 9 at his summer residence at the Alderson section of Harveys Lake.

Born in Plymouth, he was a graduate of Plymouth High School and, prior to retirement in 1975, was employed as a blacksmith for the Jersey Central Railroad, Allentown.

Before moving from this area in 1958, he was a well-known musician and leader of the Al Ashton Orchestra. He was a member of the Musicians Union, Local 140.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy Beeman; son, Fuller A., Leighton; daughter, Mrs. Alayne Emrey, Bethlehem; sister, Mrs. Lillian A. Jones, Harveys Lake; six grandchildren.

## Mary Drapiewski

Mary (Maidie) H. Drapiewski, 78, of Main Road,

Sweet Valley, died September 9 a result of injuries she received in an automobile accident on Route 118, Lehman Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she lived in Sweet Valley where she and her husband owned and operated the Sweet Valley Flower Shop and Greenhouse for 42 years, retiring five years ago.

Mrs. Drapiewski graduated from Bloomsburg Normal School and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from College Misericordia, Dallas. She also attended New York University and taught in the Nanticoke School District for 10 years in the 1930s.

She had her husband, Carl V. Drapiewski, were celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary on the day of her death.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

Surviving in addition to her husband are daughters, Mrs. Jean Lacy, Pittsford, N.Y.; Mrs. Nancy Gay, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. Carol Grace, Old Bridge, N.J.; sister, Mrs. Alice Reilly, Bethlehem, eight grandchildren.

## William Sherksnas

William W. Sherksnas, 71, of Anderson Road, Point Breeze, Harveys Lake, died September 10 at home, following a prolonged illness.

Born in Wanamie, he was a graduate of Newport schools and resided in Harveys Lake the past 23 years.

Prior to retiring, he was self-employed as a painting and papering contractor. He was a member of St. Anne's Church, Luzerne; the Harveys Lake Lions Club and a former member of the Harveys Lake Borough Council.

He had his wife, the former Elizabeth Sheporaitis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 5, 1986.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ambrose, Nuangola; son, William Jr., Dorrance; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

## Edwin Kern

Edwin H. Kern Jr., 59, of Old Lake Road, Harveys Lake, died September 11 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Alderson, he resided at Old Lake Road, Harveys Lake, for the past 50 years.

He was co-owner of Kerns Beer Distributors, Dallas, retiring six years ago. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the American Legion Post 967, Harveys Lake and Compass Points Hunting Club.

Surviving are his mother, Marion Whipple Kern, Dallas; sons, Edwin H. III, Lehman; Charles A., Dallas; brothers, James, Richard, Raymond, Leon and John, all of Dallas; sisters, Mrs. Carol Arnold, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Kathleen Richardson, Fort Mill, S.C.; three grandchildren. His wife, the former Ruth Morgan, died in 1976.

## William Sorber

William C. Sorber, 80, of Sweet Valley, died September 12 at his home.

Born in Plymouth, he resided in the Sweet Valley area most of his life.

He was self-employed as a well driller for 45 years, retiring 23 years ago.

Surviving are sons, Ronald and Robert, both of Sweet Valley; daughter, Dolores Yascavage, Hunlock Creek; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. His wife, the former Josephine Behrent, died in 1958.

## Thomas Vernon

Thomas E. Vernon, 63, of Highland Avenue, Trucks-ville, died September 13 in Statesville, S.C., after a brief illness.

Born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, he had resided in Trucksville for the past 20 years.

He was employed by Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co. as an engineer and division manager until his retirement.

He served in World War II as a Navy office and pilot. He was a member of the Irem Temple Shrine and Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Anne; sons, Thomas E., West Salem, Conn.; David A., Dallas; daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Ann Alber, Newburg, N.Y.; sisters, Mrs. Mary Rash, Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Harriet Carden, Charleston, W.Va.

## Marion Pool

Mrs. Marion Weckesser Pool, 89, of Newberry Estates, N. Pioneer Ave., Dallas, died September 14 at her home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of the Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Mass. and was a lifelong resident of Wyoming Valley.

In past years, she was active in numerous civic and charitable organizations in the Wyoming Valley. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. James Hewson, Beverly, Mass.; sons, Joseph H., Pocono Lake Preserve; Fred W., Littleton, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; eight grandchildren. Her husband, J. Henry Pool, died in September, 1970.

# Subject of practice bus sparks heated discussion

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Correspondent

The regular meeting of the Lake-Lehman School District ran smoothly last Tuesday at the Ross Township Elementary Building until the subject of the discontinuance of the post-practice bus run was brought to the attention of board members.

Frank Coslett of the school district asked why the district did not resume the bus run since it (the district) receives additional funds from the state.

Board president Alan Keiper explained the post-practice bus was eliminated due to cutbacks in the budget and added that although the district received increased funding, the bus run will not be resumed. Keiper recommended that Coslett obtain accurate cost of operating the practice bus from Raymond Bowersox, business manager of the district. In an exchange of verbal comments, Coslett accused the directors of playing politics with the district's children. Keiper told Coslett he was out of order; then other taxpayers stated their opinions concerning the post-practice bus.

Another discussion followed between Keiper and Joseph "Red" Jones when Jones stated that discontinuing the post-practice bus shortchanged the students. Keiper brought the discussion to an end by declaring it out of order and told Jones that the board will not reinstate the bus.

In other board action, Jeanne Purcell was appointed director for the Elementary Spring Musical program for the 1986-87 school year; Jean Lipski was named senior class night advisor and junior-senior play director for 1986-87; and appointments to athletic positions for the 1986-87 school year were approved with Joseph Martini as girls' basketball head coach, Robert Morgan, varsity assistant coach, and Sue James, junior high assistant coach.

The board agreed to deny the grievance submitted by Thomas Park, custodian at the junior high school, Aug. 19, 1986, as recommended by the solicitor. Approval passed to increase hourly rates for substitute housekeeping and custodial-maintenance personnel from \$3.75 per hour to \$4 per hour.

The motion to extend the unpaid leave of Sherry

Stolarick, three hour, 180-day housekeeper at the junior high school, through October, 1986 was approved.

The resignation of Diane Stefanowicz, teacher in the TABS program, was accepted by the directors and the addition of Donna Macri of Wilkes-Barre to the teacher substitute list was approved.

The motion passed to approve Lake-Lehman's continued participation in a consortium with LIU 18's Wilkes-Barre Area, Dallas and Crestwood school districts' in-service math and science teachers. The federal allocation for the Lake-Lehman District is \$1,500.

Four new science textbooks and a new English grammar and composition textbook were approved for use by students in the junior high school.

The board of directors approved a resolution to award bids for art supplies, general and office supplies, industrial art equipment, and sewing machines and attachments for the district.

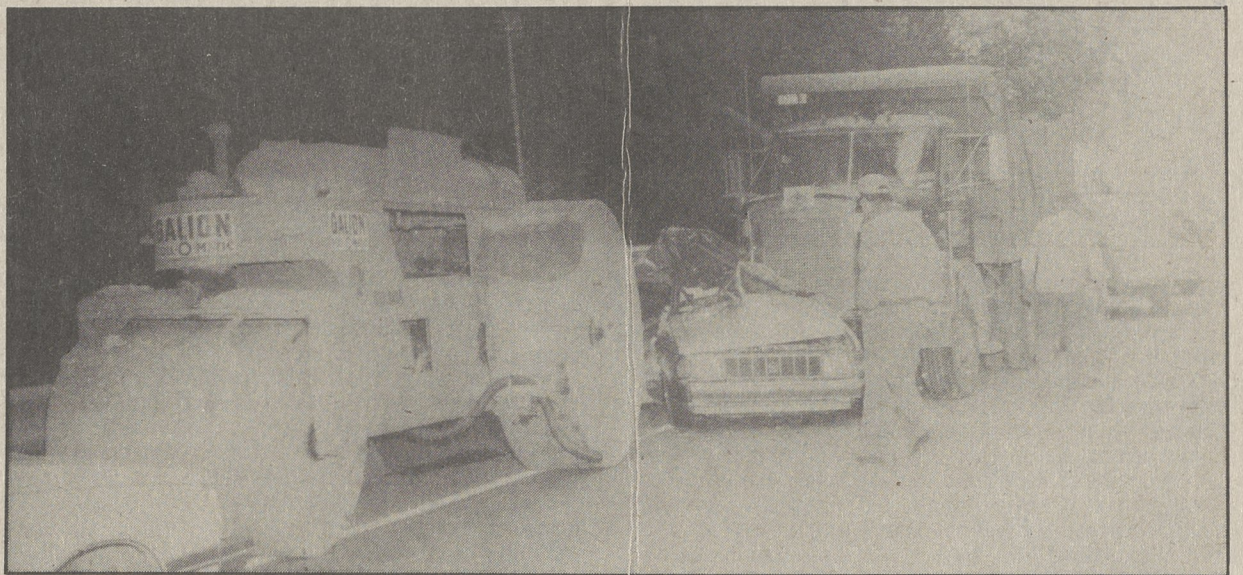
The names of 46 individuals meeting the necessary requirements as bus drivers for the 1986-87 year were approved, 19 women and 27 men.

Eleven members were appointed to the steering committee for the district's Long Range Planning Cycle. These individuals were district residents Mrs. Michael Annetta, Robert Cooper, Margaret Kopko, George Macialek, Mrs. Sherry Macialek; administrators, John Oliver, junior high principal, Charles James, elementary principal and M. David Preston, superintendent; faculty, Robert O. Roberts, Michael P. Toole, and school board director Martin Noon, community relations chairman.

Mary Jesse was named staff leader of the social studies department as recommended by John Zaleskas, senior high school principal, and Susan James was appointed math aide for the TELLS program at \$8 per hour.

The salaries for substitute teachers were increased from \$37 per day to \$40 per day as approved by the board.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, 8 p.m., at Lake-Noxen Elementary School.



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## Woman killed

A 78-year old Sweet Valley woman was killed early Tuesday afternoon after she was involved in a violent accident along Route 118 in Lehman Township. Mary Drapiewski, 78, of Main Road was pronounced dead at the scene by Luzerne County Deputy Coroner Joseph Shaver after she was involved in a mishap in which her car was crushed between a steam roller and a dump truck. According to reports, the dump truck ran into the rear of the Drapiewski vehicle after she slowed down for a steam roller, traveling east in front of her. The car was then pushed into the steam roller, with Drapiewski being pinned in the car for about 45 minutes until rescue workers could extricate her from the wreckage. Barney Lopata, 54, of 600 Pittston Ave., Avoca, was treated and released from the General Hospital, while Richard M. Shiffka, 40, of 109 E. Kirmar Ave., was not injured. State Police at Wyoming are investigating the mishap.

# Retired state employees name officers

The Luzerne County Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees (PARSE) met recently at the Embassy Room of the Gus Genetti Best Western Motel, Wilkes-Barre, with Bruno Dalmas, president, presiding.

John M. Baur, Dallas, chairman of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: President, Bruno Dalmas; Vice President, Betty Heller; Secre-

tary, Lavina Fisher; Treasurer, Gwilym Amos; Legislative Chairman, John Baur; Social Activities Director, Kaye Ray; Procedures, John Thomas; Membership, Michael Petscavage; Welfare, Ignatz Bielski.

All of the above slate were unanimously elected. Baur was assisted by Joan McDonald and Ignatz Bielski.

Members are reminded to make

reservations early for the annual dinner to be held October 23 at Genetti's Embassy Room at 1 p.m. This affair will be offered in place of the regular Christmas dinner. Price per person is \$10.00. A cash bar will be available. Clare J. Smith is chairman of the affair. Reservations may be made at the next meeting on September 25 or no later than October 9.

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