## **Obituaries**

### **DURWOOD SPLITT**

Durwood Splitt, 66, Jackson Church Road, Shavertown, died June 1, 1988 at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center, Plains Township.

In addition to his wife, the former Lucille Lewis, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Sandra (Terry) Newell, Shavertown; one grandchild; several nieces and one nephew.

Interment was in Lehman Center Cemetery, at Lehman.

EARL NICHOLAS Earl L. Nicholas, 81, of RD 2, Harveys Lake, (Loyalville), died June 2, 1988 at home.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Kamzura; daughters, Mrs. Lorraine Bidding, Plymouth; Mrs. Rita Collins, Orlando, Fla.; brother, Russell, Courtdale; sister, Ellen Rubury, Plains Township; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

#### **ELVA WAGNER**

Elva S. Wagner, 72, of Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, died June 1, 1988 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Frank E.; sons, Frank E. Jr., Dallas; R. Dale, Hudson, Ohio; daughter, Carol Forman, Robbinsville, N.J.; brother, Ralph Kauff-

man, Jr., Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Mrs. Alice Mead, Gouldsboro; Mrs. Evelyn Costello, Dallas; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown.

### **JOSEPH BLAZES**

Joseph J. Blazes, 85, RD 3, Wyo-ming, died June 1, 1988 in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, following a lengthy illness.

He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Klinges; son, Joseph, Wyoming; brothers, John, Kingston and Bernard, New York. Interment was in Mount Olivet. Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial donations if desired, may be sent to: The Association for the Blind, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre or the Association for the Deaf, 562 Rutter Ave., Kingston.

### **EDITH TRAVER**

Edith M. Traver, 78, of Noxen, died June 4, 1988 in the Leader East Nursing Center, Kingston. Mrs. Traver was preceded in

death by her husband, Frank in 1972. Surviving are, son, Donald R., Harveys Lake; daughters, Mrs. William (Audrey) Wilke and Mrs. Harmon (Ruth) Bond, both of Harveys Lake; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Beaumont Cemetery.



TIME CAPSULE—A few of the students who made or collected items for the Dallas Elementary Playground Time Capsule are from left, Philip Gager with essay; Matt Lloyd, holding picture, Amy Lloyd with Spuds McKenzie, Anna Lloyd holding cars and, behind table, Fred Wesley, third grade teacher, coordinator of the project. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

## Time capsule to be part of playground dedication

### BY CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

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Students in kindergarten through small toys such as cars, stuffed fifth grade at Dallas Elementary animals, dolls, puzzles and baseball School made and collected a vari- cards. capsule to be buried in the ground at the dedication of the Dallas Elementary Playground, Friday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.

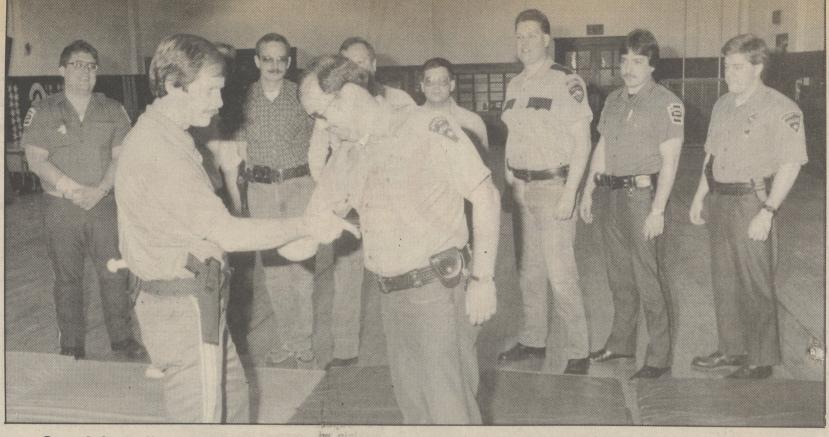
various events and activities, wrote essays, colored pictures, did drawings and photos of favorite animals and other subjects, and contributed

Third grade teacher Fred Wesley assisted the students in making and

collecting the items, which were

placed in paper bags, each one

identified as to the grade.



### Special police training

The Kingston Township Police Department, in conjunction Reed of the Williamsport Bureau of Police. Both officers are with the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission recently sponsored a three day course entitled "Advanced High Risk Patrol Tactics". The course was funded through a fully funded state grant acquired by Police Chief Paul M. Sabol and Township Manager Fred A. Potzer.

The course involved specialized instruction on survival shooting techniques, mental conditioning, deadly force decisions, high risk patrol tactics, physical conditioning and vehicle stops. The seminar was conducted at the Westmoreland Elementary School with one day of field training at Concrete City in Hanover Township. Instructors for the

## **Report status** changes to Social Security promptly

People in the Wilkes-Barre area should promptly report any changes that may affect their monthly benefits, Robert Kachmar, Social Security manager in Wilkes-Barre, said recently.

People who do not report may become overpaid and have to return some of this money later. Also, they may have to pay a penalty.

The most common cause of overpayments - in 6 out of 10 cases is too much earnings from work.

Some payments must be withheld from a person under 70 whose 1988 earnings exceed a certain amount: \$8,400 if the person is 65 through 69; or \$6,120 if the person is under 65. If a person goes over the limit, \$1 in benefits is withheld for each \$2 of annual earnings above the limit. Also, there is a monthly test that applies in the first year of retirement.

There are different rules, which include medical considerations, if a person works while getting disability checks.

A person should let Social Security know if he or she star

Scouts earn medals- Nine Cub Scouts from Pack 281, Dallas, recently earned their God and Family Medals. Each boy worked a minimum of six weeks to fulfill the study and participation requirementsset by the Boy Scouts of America.

Pictured from left, first row, Jared Dukas, Joseph Dreier, Brian Karolchick; second row, Scott Townsend, Greg Riley, Matthew Pelak and Scott Pattison; third row, Jane Riley, pack counselor for the God and Family Award and Rev. John Prater, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas. Three ministers guided the boys through this program, they were the Rev. Lang, First Baptist Church, Wilkes-Barre; the Rev. Andrew Pillarella, Dallas; and the Rev. John Prater, Prince of Peace, Dallas.



course were Sergeant Gary L. Mayers and Agent Floyd state certified instructors with extensive backgrounds in police training.

Officers and departments which participated in the service program included Chief Paul M. Sabol, Patrolman Walter Davis, Patrolman Joseph Bren, Patrolman Michael Moravec, Patrolman John Curham, Kingston Township Police Department; Detective Sergeant Joseph Parratore, Kingston Borough Police Department; Patrolman Jerry Leedock, Patrolman William Norris, Jr., Jackson Township Police Department; Chief Gary Nicholas, Patrolman Huntzinger, Courtdale Borough Police Department; Patrolman James Martin, Dallas Borough Police Department.



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## Wetlands workshop June 16 will include field trip

A Northeastern Pennsylvania wetlands workshop will be held June 16 for the benefit of municipal officials, members of planning agencies, environmentalists and others who have a need to understand the issues, roles, and responsibilities in managing wetland resources

Wetlands, the transitional lands between terrestrial and aquatic environments, have never been widely appreciated by the general public. If the average citizen had any feeling at all about wetlands, he considered them unproductive areas which were useless unless filled and converted for more traditional and familiar purposes. Yet in recent years there has been a

growing appreciation of wetlands for their positive attributes in such areas as water quality enhancement, flood control, wildlife habitat, and natural beauty, and society's perception of the value of the wetlands resource has significantly matured.

By examining the role of the Federal, State and local governments, this workshop will explain the responsibility of Pennsylvania's municipal governments in regulating our wetlands resource.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs.

#### working or if 1988 earnings will be higher than reported earlier. A person should do this any time during the year there is a change. The easiest way to report is by phone.

Also, Social Security should be notified of certain other changes that often lead to overpayments such as:

-Death or marriage;

-Medical improvement of disabled person;

A student 18 or over stops attending school full time; and

-A parent or other payee no longer has custody of a child or other beneficiary.

More information about reporting requirements can be obtained at the Wilkes-Barre Social Security office, located at Room 2227, Penn Place, 20 N. Pennsylvania Ave. The telephone number is 826-6371.

Brides who will be using their husband's name, along with anyone else who has had a recent name change, should contact the Wilkes-Barre Social Security office to arrange to have their name changed in Social Security records and to apply for a new Social Security card showing their new name, Robert J. Kachmar, Social Security manager in Wilkes-Barre, said recently



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