



LCCC hosts Pennsylvania Library Association meeting

The Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Library Association (PLA) held their spring meeting at the Educational Conference Center of Luzerne County Community College. Shown at the meeting at LCCC are, from left, seated, Diane Ryan, State College, assistant executive director for special projects, Penn State Alumni Association; Barbra Laird, Palmyra, membership and meeting coordinator, PLA; Margaret Bauer, Newport, executive director, PLA; and Betsey Moylan, Scranton, chair, Northeast Chapter, PLA. Standing, David Schappert, Dallas, immediate past chair, Northeast Chapter, PLA and Director of Learning Resources at LCCC; Kay Alston, Dallas, secretary, Northeast Chapter, PLA; John C. Bass, Moscow, luncheon speaker and assistant professor, School of Social Work, Marywood College; and Sally T. Felix, Scranton, vice chair, chair-elect, Northeast Chapter, PLA.

YMCA offers adult water exercise classes

The Wilkes-Barre YMCA is now taking registration for the Adult Aquatic programs. The adult aquatic programs include swimming lessons for the non-swimmer to the advanced swimmer on Tuesday and Thursday morning or Tuesday night. Participants will learn proper stroke technique with various work outs.

with music for non swimmer and swimmer alike. Classes are Monday and Wednesday morning or evening or Monday and Friday, 1 p.m. Mild Water Exercise is great for those who suffer from arthritis, in rehabilitation from injury or just out of shape on Tuesday and Thursday 2:30 p.m. Water Walking is a great new way to exercise. Walking is done in deep water with

the aid of a belt on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. Other classes are offered on Lifeguarding, Swimming Instructor and Scuba Diving.

For registration or more information stop at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, 40 W. Northampton St. or call 823-2191.

Obituaries

CHARLES BALKAN

Charles Balkan, of Birchwood Estates, Exeter, died Aug. 27, 1991, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Eynon, he was the son of the late Henry and Anna Balkan. Surviving are his wife, the former Agnes Miller; sons, Edward, Exeter; Joseph, Harveys Lake; daughters, Mrs. Edward Grigor, Endicott, N.Y.; Mrs. Ann Hrycenko, Md.; Sharon Balkan, Bath; eight granddaughters; brother, Walter, Eynon; sisters, Stella Butko, Clifton, N.J.; Ida Martin, Elizabeth, N.J. Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

VIOLA CARROTT

Vila Carrott, of W. Sixth Street, West Wyoming, died Sept. 1, 1991, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. Born in Pittsburgh, she was the daughter of the late Myron and Stephanie Jacobosky. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, Wyoming. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph in 1980. Surviving are sons, Joseph, at home; Leonard, West Wyoming; Raymond, Shavertown; four grandchildren. Interment, parish cemetery, West Wyoming.

DARWIN LYNCH

Darwin L. Lynch, 60, of Harford Ave., Shavertown, died Aug. 30, 1991, at home following an illness. Born in Toronto, Canada, he was the son of the late Raymond F. and Eva Kaye Lynch. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, serving with the Seventh Infantry Division. He formerly resided in Philadelphia and had resided in the Wyoming Valley area since 1974. He was president of Darwin Lynch Administrators Inc., Wilkes-Barre, and was a member of the Henderson Harbor, N.Y., Fishing Club and the Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre. He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Terry. Surviving are a daughter, Debra Lynch, Shavertown; son, Darwin L. II, Clifton Heights; stepson, Thomas S. Godlewski, Wilmington, Del.; daughter, Leah Lynch, Dallas; three grandchildren. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to Hospice St. John, 665 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre, 18702 or the American Cancer Society, Wyoming Valley Unit, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

HEBER BELLES

Heber W. Belles, 96, of Beaumont, died Sept. 2, 1991, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He was the son of the late William and Abigail Weber Belles. He attended Beaumont schools. He was a member of the Beaumont Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He was an Army veteran of World War I. He was a teacher in the Root Hollow, Bowman's Creek and Beaumont schools, for many years. He was also employed at the breakers in the Edwardsville mines. He was a carpenter-foreman for private building and highway contractors. Recently, he taught music in the Back Mountain area. He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace, June, 1960; sons, Heber in 1961; Bill, in 1981. Surviving are sons, Bernard, Plant City, Fla.; Harold, Manassas, Va.; daughters, Mrs. Harold Taylor, Mrs. Kenneth Wood, Mrs. Charles Everetts and Mrs. David Sizemore, all of Beaumont; Mrs. Byron Wood, Dunn Loring, Va.; Mrs. Irvin Barber, Gainesville, Fla.; 36 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Emma Richards, Beaumont. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday, from the Nulton Funeral Home, Route 309, Beaumont, with Pastor Darrow Foster of the Tunkhannock and Beaumont Seventh-day Adventist Churches, officiating. Interment, Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen. Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

A. WINIFRED HOOVER

A. Winifred Hoover, 76, of Troxell Switch Road, Outlet, Lake Township, died Aug. 28, 1991, shortly after admission to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Edwardsville, she was the daughter of the late John and Bessie Lewis Jones. She was a graduate of Edwardsville High School. She had resided in Shavertown, prior to moving to Lake Township, 30 years ago. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as the gift manager at Back Mountain Lumber and Hardware, Shavertown. She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Dallas Chapter 396, Order of the Eastern Star; the Arts Club of Luzerne County and the Dallas Women's Club. She was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas. Surviving is her husband, Willard W.

JOHN KNAPICH

John J. Knapich, 69, of Main Road, Hanover Green, Wilkes-Barre, died Aug. 30, 1991. He was the son of the late Joseph and Mamie Bedofski Knapich. Surviving are his wife, the former Catherine Machak; sons, John Lockwood, N.Y.; daughters, Diana Walters, Wilkes-Barre; Joan Rinehimer, Wilkes-Barre; brother, Alois, Shickshinny; Dr. Stanley Knapich, Sweet Valley; sister, Marie Saluta, Hanover Green; five grandchildren. Interment, St. Ignatius Cemetery, Pringle.

MILDRED SOKOLA

Mildred Sokola of Ridgewood Road, Keystone, Plains Township died Aug. 29, 1991 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Onufer and Barbara Deroski Sokola and a member of Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre. Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Helen Pryor and Mrs. John Segear, both of Plains; Mrs. Celia Cease, Dallas; brothers, Peter, Plains, John Hanover Green; several nieces and nephews. Interment, parish cemetery, Plains.

LENA MARTIN

Lena Martin, 84, of Kunkle, died Aug. 29, 1991, at home. Born in East Dallas, she was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Wick Miller. She attended the Goss School, Dallas Township. She had resided in Kunkle for the past 57 years. She attended the Kunkle United Methodist Church. Surviving are husband, Ernest M.; sons, Richard C., Harveys Lake; Robert A. and Roy F., both of Kunkle; daughters, Ernestine Roberts and Lois Bolton, both of Kunkle; Wanda Gray, Sweet Valley; Dorothy Stevens, Jenningsville; brother, Howard, East Dallas; sister, Laura Martin, Kunkle; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas. Memorial donations may be made to the Kunkle United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, RR 1, Dallas, 18612.

JAMES PUGH

James Pugh, 84, of Richard St., Kingston, died Aug. 30, 1991, at home. He was the son of the late Louis and Mary Owens Pugh. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Margaret Evans, in 1981. Surviving are a son, James W., Kingston; daughters, Mrs. Sandra Rambus, Susquehanna; Mrs. Mary Ellen Moran, Branchburg, N.J.; brothers, Louis, Cadyville, N.Y.; Henry, Dallas; William, Clarks Summit; sisters, Mrs. Jane Kreitzberger, Bridgewater, N.J.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

Group home ruling expected Sept. 17

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Are five mentally handicapped men living at 236 Church St., Dallas, a family or boarders?

Robert Kotsull, executive director of the Institute of Human Resources and Services, Kingston (IHRS) says they are a family as defined by the Dallas Township ordinance that five unrelated persons living together is a family.

But township solicitor Frank Townend on behalf of the supervisors told township zoning members August 21 that the supervisors maintain that the home was a boarding house.

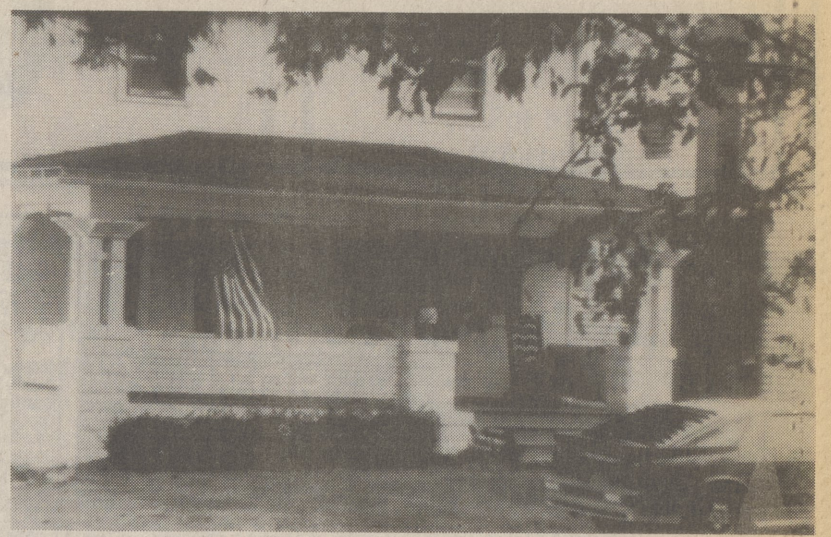
The testimony from both parties was given at a hearing at the zoning board meeting because the IHRS had appealed the township's order to close the group home because it was in violation of the ordinance. The home remains open until a decision is handed down by the zoning board. That decision will be announced at the September 17 meeting of the board.

In answer to questions from his attorney Robert Opel, Kotsull stated that the five men live together in the home as a family.

"We have non-resident staff members, who supervise the men and help with meal preparation and some who drive them to work or to recreational areas.

"The home is not used commercially; there are no signs and no additional parking," Kotsull said. "If these men were not able to live together as a family they would have to be institutionalized because we have no room for them in any of our other seven homes in the county.

"Their daily routine is similar to most families," Kotsull explained. "They get up, have breakfast, then go to work or to a daily program. They return home about 2:30 to 3:30, participate in normal activities, have their dinner. Sometimes they stay in and watch television or play games, some nights some go



SITE OF CONTROVERSY - This home at 236 Church Street in Dallas Township is the site of a battle over whether or not a group home for handicapped persons is a residence or a business. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

to bowl or go to movies or dances. They don't drive so our staff people drive them."

Kotsull said the staff rotates shifts so that the men are always supervised.

"The number of staff varies. One member sleeps overnight but leaves in the morning after he and a helper who comes in assists the men in dressing and preparing their lunch. Sometimes there are two or three on duty to take the men to various activities," Kotsull stated.

Atty. Townend asked if the men paid a fee to live in the home. Kotsull replied that the welfare agency determined a fee payment of \$10 daily. He also said the IHRS paid approximately \$75,000 for the house at 236 Church Street.

"The state pays \$137,000 annually to support the program. This is the amount the institute receives for the home at 236 Church Street. If this home is closed we have no room in other homes in the county for these men so they would have to be institutionalized. As a family these men

are not being warehoused, they are living just as most families do. Since they are retarded there are some things they can't do, but they interact as a family.

"We are a non-profit program and as all families do, all pay something to live. It's normal for these men to contribute something to their expenses just as we all contribute to our livelihood," Kotsull said.

Atty. Townend said the township was not discriminating against the five men but contended that the home was a boarding house, which is illegal in an R-1 zone.

Atty. Opel disagreed saying "I believe this is discrimination by enforcement not discrimination in effect, but either way is discrimination."

"If a regular family lived there with a live-in gardener or live-in maid, would there be the same objection?" he asked. "If you zoning members do the right thing, this legal process will not have to continue and a lengthy litigation will not be necessary," Opel said.

Play at Wilkes depicts a nation's demise

"The Saga of Sarah Brown," a new one-person play written and performed by Basia McCoy, will be presented at Wilkes University Thursday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts. Admission is free.

"The Saga of Sarah Brown," McCoy's second one-woman show, illustrates the way greed, lust for power, technology, war, and inhumanity can destroy a nation. Ac-

ording to McCoy, the play is a fantasy which focuses around the role of women in a world stricken with turmoil, violence and greed.

Her previous one-woman show, "The Silver Years" presented eight older women facing the social, economic, and psychological problems that often are associated with aging.

She has made appearances in episodes of television's "Another

World" and "As the World Turns," and in the film "Rude Awakening."

Born in Plains, she graduated from Wyoming Seminary and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in drama from Carnegie Tech, now Carnegie Mellon University.

The presentation is sponsored by the Wilkes University Faculty Women and Wives Club, Faculty Women's Caucus, and Polish room Committee.

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