

## Turchin

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generous collections.

Family friend Joseph "Red" Jones first began to sell candy bars to help the Turchins in early October, followed by concerned friends, church youth groups and Lake-Lehman sports associations, all of whom have raised more than \$10,000, according to preliminary estimates.

"The doctors and nurses said that they have never seen any community do anything like this," Bonnie Turchin said. "We're really grateful to Red Jones and our other friends for all their work."

The family hasn't left Eddie's

side since the first operation. His sister, Pam, 22, a liberal arts major at Penn State, has postponed her education in order to be with her brother, her mother said.

Although Eddie's youth is a definite advantage, the doctors have told the family that he is very weak and still a very sick boy. They're taking his progress one step at a time.

Eddie can open his eyes and seems to follow his family's movements with them, Bonnie said. He can also make the peace sign, give a "thumbs up" for Lake-Lehman and wave. "Last week he

tried to scratch his right thigh, so we know that he has feeling on that side," she said. "We're all waiting for him to smile, once they remove his breathing tube."

Their only break in routine came several weeks ago, when a hospital security guard allowed the family onto the landing pad to watch the hospital's helicopter land. The crew later took them for an evening ride over the city to see the lights. "It was awesome," Bonnie said.

The family spent Thanksgiving in Philadelphia, eating dinner at a restaurant near the hospital.

When Eddie graduated from

Lake-Lehman High School, his future plans, outlined in the school's 1992 *Knight Life* yearbook simply said, "I would like to help someone less fortunate than myself."

"That's the way he has always been, always more concerned about the rest of us than about himself," Bonnie Turchin said.

Friends wishing to send cards to Eddie Turchin may address them to Room 916, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 3400 Spruce St., Philadelphia PA 19104.

## Reading

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Lehman-Jackson's second and third grades, with the PTA providing books for these students.

First organized in 1966, RIF is a nationwide grassroots program designed to encourage young children to read more for pleasure by emphasizing that books are fun. Local sponsors, including organizations and businesses, agree to provide books and volunteers to operate the projects.

According to a press release from RIF, the two most important aspects of a child's success in school are his parents and his ability to read. As parents become more involved with their children in RIF, they often encourage them to read more at home, according to the press release.

According to UGI's vice president of public affairs Fred Hartwigsen, UGI has made a three-year commitment to funding 75 percent of the costs for bringing R.I.F. into the first grades in its

service area.

The utility also provides book plate stickers and bookmarks featuring "Reddy Kilowatt," the original cartoon mascot of UGI's former Luzerne Electric Division, who gives the children a list of safety tips on electricity.

Hartwigsen said that UGI originally became involved with R.I.F. because the company wanted to make a contribution to education and he was impressed with this program's accomplishments.

"We're very impressed with the great response at Lake-Lehman," UGI's Paul Malak said. "UGI gives us up to eight hours a month of time to volunteer in the community."

"This was lots of fun," grinned Thomas Ohl, a security guard at the Social Security office, as he left Lehman-Jackson after reading to a class. "The kids really enjoyed the story and asked some good questions about my job. I loved it."

## Sutton Farms

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But I think that we should explore it," Glogowski said.

Police Chief Don Jones said that he opposes any consolidation of police forces, claiming a possible need for more man-hours from his officers because Lehman Township has more potential trouble spots.

"Lehman Township has the Penn State campus housing, two trailer parks, three Lake-Lehman school buildings and increased traffic and potential for many more accidents on Route 118," he said.

The supervisors agreed to study the regional police force without any obligation to enter into it.

The following meeting dates were set:

- Monday, December 7: reading of the budget at 7 p.m., regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, December 28: special meeting to approve the budget at 6:30 p.m., followed by a work session at 7 p.m.

## More than \$10,000 raised to help family

More than \$10,000 has been raised by friends in the Back Mountain for the family of Eddie Turchin, who is recovering from brain surgery and complications in a Philadelphia hospital, according to family friend Joseph "Red" Jones.

These organizations and fundraisers include:

- Lake-Lehman High School's yearbook staff: \$250 from "Slave Day," where student leaders auctioned their services doing errands.

- Lake-Lehman football club: \$2,000 from a spaghetti dinner that sold out twice to more than 400 people, according to coach Rich Gorgone. The wrestling club, Key Club, senior class, Boy Scouts and friends provided the food and helped serve the dinner.

- Lake-Lehman soccer team: \$460 from a soccer clinic, according to coach Bill Tooley.

- Lake-Lehman junior high cheerleaders: \$652.75 from a dance.

- Gate of Heaven Youth Group: \$564 from candy bar sales at Dallas and Shavertown Acme Markets.

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth, where the Turchin family worships: more than \$3,000 from a meatloaf dinner, donations and a special collection at Mass, according to Rev. William Blake.

- Our Lady of Victory CCD classes, Harveys Lake, \$195 from a bake sale, according to Jessica Noon, who organized the sale with friends Richelle Kovach and Jennifer Birt.

- Charlie Brown's Restaurant, Plains: \$750 from a special weekend where \$1 for every patron was donated to the Turchins.

- Sans Souci Lounge, Hanover Twp.: approximately \$850.

Anyone wishing to sell candy bars or help out at fund-raisers may call Joseph "Red" Jones at 639-2186.

Donations may be sent to: Eddie Turchin Fund, First Eastern Bank, 325 Memorial Highway, Dallas PA 18612.

**Other upcoming fundraisers include:**

- "Step for Eddie," an aerobic workout sponsored by Fitness Plus, Sunday, December 16, from 1-4 p.m. at the Lake-Lehman gym.

- "Storm the dorms," a candy sale at the College Misericordia dormitories sponsored by the college's Campus Ministry, after the Thanksgiving vacation.

- A square dance with "Red" Jones as caller, planned for January, time and place to be announced.

## KT chief

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investigations of the 1988 barn burnings, solved several armed robberies and done his share of helping to keep the streets clear of "bad guys," he said that the most dangerous calls are those involving domestic violence.

"You have to keep a volatile situation from exploding," he said. "You always expect the worst, but hope that it doesn't happen. And when the worst *doesn't* happen, then you know that you've done your job."

Balavage lives in Kingston Township, which he has called home for most of his life, with his

wife and two children. Although his duties as sergeant have taken up much of his time lately, he enjoys writing, playing the guitar and doing things with his family.

"I'd love to be a guest editor for a daily newspaper some day," he joked.

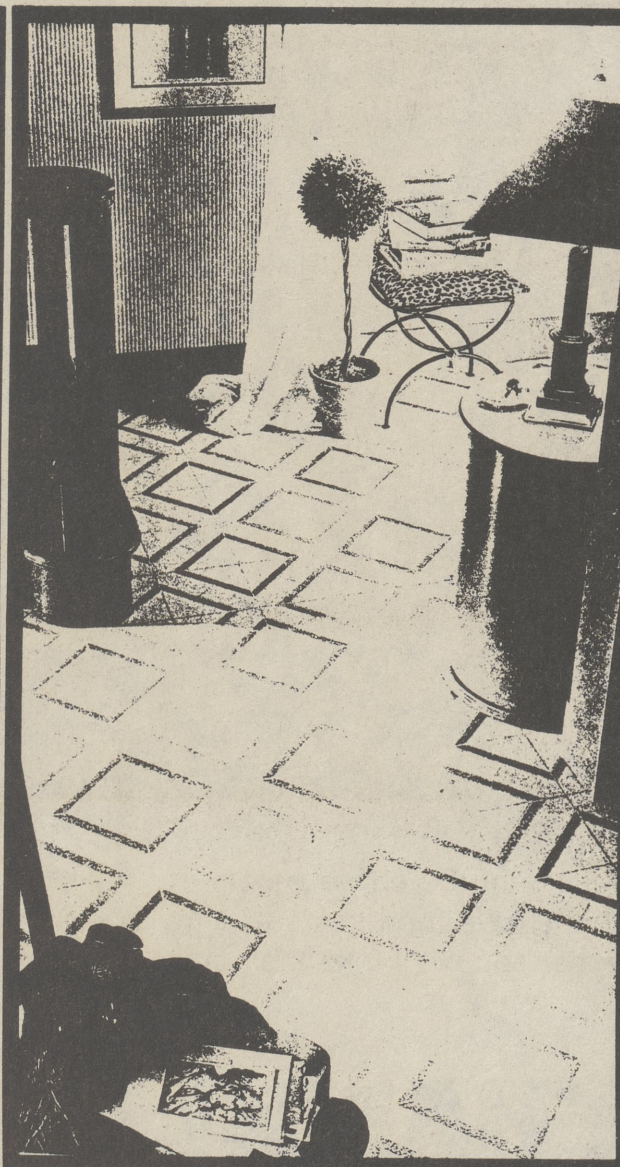
"The township is very fortunate to have high-quality police officers like Jim Balavage," said township manager Jeffrey Box, who made the announcement. "I strongly believe that Chief Sabol's record of accomplishment will be continued by Chief Balavage."

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