



Library news

Library's summer programs in full swing

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The summer reading program is in full force in the children's room at the Back Mountain Memorial Library with record numbers of children joining the "Together is Better...Let's Read", the Luzerne County Library System sponsored program. The program continues through the summer until the final party in August. Children aged 4 through 12 may sign up at any time and they will receive a special balloon and a reading schedule. The program is supported by McDonald's and developed by the American Library Association. Certificates will be awarded to participants who read 12 books by the party in August.

Summer story hours are continuing in the children's room until August 3. Toddlers meet on Tuesday evening and 3 to 5 year olds on Wednesdays. Story hours for the summer will conclude in August and the Fall story hours will begin in October; definite times

and dates to be announced. Volunteer story ladies are always welcome and needed. Contact Mrs. Rudolph in the children's room if you can help with story hours.

The library book circulation for the month of June totaled 8,935 with 4,703 adults titles and 4,232 juvenile. Reference questions answered were 375 with Interlibrary loans amounting to 57. New borrowers joining the library in June were 145 and re-registrations 262. New books added to the collection 212 and books withdrawn were 131. The Book Club circulated 255 books. The library hours remain the same for the summer season.

New books at the library: "A Suitable Boy" by Vikram Seth is, at its core, a love story; the tale of Lata's—and her mother's attempts to find this suitable boy, through love or through exacting maternal appraisal. At the same time, it is the story of India, newly independent and struggling through a time of great crisis. The story

takes us through the richly imagined world of four large extended families and spins a compulsive tale.

"After All These Years" by Susan Isaacs is the story of Rosie Myers, high school English teacher, wife and mother, who didn't exactly object when her husband Richie changed from an easy-going math teacher into the hotshot president of a multi-million-dollar corporation in Manhattan. Eventually, Richie left her and Rosie began to eat more ice cream than was necessary to sustain life. One night, she trips over—Richie! Dead on the kitchen floor.

"The Forbidden Zone" by Whitley Strieber is a journey beyond the cutting edge of terrifying suspense into the sphere of a relentless psychological thriller only this author could write. Every small town has a special place like the mound, where lovers go, families picnic and children sled. In Oscolo, the mound has never been dangerous...until now!

Sex abuse, endangering charges dropped

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Charges of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and endangering the welfare of children were dismissed against Lori Martin, 29, of Lake Township, at a preliminary hearing Monday, July 12, in which the alleged victim, Ms. Martin's stepson, refused to testify.

Arrested June 16, 1993, by Detective Lieutenant Gary Capitano of the Luzerne County District Attorney's office and Lake Township Police Chief John Maslowski, and arraigned before District Magistrate Earl Gregory on

four counts of each charge, Ms. Martin had been freed on \$5,000 bail until her preliminary hearing.

Although the incidents are alleged to have occurred in 1986, the first investigation didn't begin until April, 1993, Capitano said.

Capitano said that abused children have a different statute of limitations, which doesn't begin until either the date that the abuse is reported or the child's eighteenth birthday.

"Abused kids often delay reporting these incidents. They bury them in their memory and recall them only when something else that reminds them of the abuse

occurs," he said.

Represented by Attorney John Sobota, Ms. Martin didn't comment to the press.

An older female relative, visiting the family while on vacation, who refused to identify herself, said, "These charges never should have been made."

"There was no testimony at the hearing because the alleged victim refused to testify," Sobota said. "This supposedly happened back in 1986, when the boy was seven or eight years old."

Capitano said that Child Welfare will continue to monitor the child and the family, who are all in counseling.

Obituaries

ILENE GOODMAN

Ilene J. Goodman, 88, of Sweet Valley, died July 9, 1993 at the home of her grand-nephew Daniel E. Rood, with whom she resided.

Born in Sweet Valley, March 2, 1905, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Sarah Ann Edwards Jackson.

She was a lifelong resident of Sweet Valley. She operated Goodman Farms in Sweet Valley for 50 years, retiring five years ago.

She was a member of Sweet Valley Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garfield; sisters, Mae Rood and Ruth Hoke.

Surviving in addition to her grand-nephew are nephews, Benjamin Rood, Siler City, NC; Joe Rood, Knoxville, Tenn.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, RR 2, Box 2430, Sweet Valley 18656.

PAUL STASKO

Paul Stasko, of Butternut Road, Shavertown, died July 8, 1993 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Edwardsville, he was a son of the late George and Anna Hanchulak Stasko. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was employed at National Tea Co., Chicago, Ill., retiring in 1968.

He was a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Kingston, and a member of Teamsters Union Local 705.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Aldona Mary Choploski.

Surviving are his son, James J., Cary, NC; daughters, Donna M. Reeber, Leesport; Paulette M. Allison, Shavertown; seven grandchildren; brothers, George, North Arlington, NJ; Peter, Bethlehem; sisters, Helen Medar and Eleanor Stasko, both of Shavertown.

Interment, St. Mary's Greek Rite Cemetery, Edwardsville.

MILDRED O'BRIEN

Mildred O'Brien, 73, of Harveys Lake, died July 11, 1993, at her home.

Born March 8, 1920, in Wilkes-Barre, she was the former Mildred Murray. She attended local schools and was a resident of the Harveys Lake area for the past 43 years.

She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmund O'Brien; grandsons, John Garbush and Edmund O'Brien.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jane O'Brien Garbush, Sweet Valley; son, Edmund O'Brien III, Amsterdam, NY; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday from the E. Blake Collins Funeral Home, 159 George Ave., Wilkes-Barre with Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Victory Church.

Interment will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

ROSE PARMELEE

Rose B. Parmelee, 95, of Howell Road, Shavertown, died July 7, 1993 at Riverstreet Manor, Wilkes-Barre, after a brief illness.

Born in Syracuse, NY, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Leila Valentine Besanson. She was graduate of the former Syracuse High School and attended Syracuse University. She had been a guest at Riverside

Manor for several days, having lived in Shavertown for the past 25 years. She also lived in Port Saint Lucie, Fla. for many years.

She was past president of the Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary and also a past president of the West Side Womens Club. Earlier, she served as a Republic committee person in Dewitt, NY.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Charles T.; brother, Clarence.

Surviving are a son, Charles M., Forty Fort; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Association for the Blind, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre 18701.

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