

**Planning**

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the tie-breaking vote, did lumbering and timber-clearing work for McAvoy in 1993, according to Hilstolsky's attorney, Michael Kostelansky.

"I think getting rid of Frank was wrong," Miller said. "I helped get him on the planning commission and I still believe he can make just decisions based on the facts. He has made honest, fair decisions concerning the McAvoy subdivisions in the past. It's very plain to see there are some very dirty politics being played in this township. This whole affair is becoming a terrible waste of the taxpayers' money."

When the supervisors took a recess to discuss their vote after all testimony was given, zoning board chairman Ray Turner wisecracked, "I guess the kangaroo meat will be served outside."

After the hearing David Hilstolsky said his brother, Frank, has always made his zoning decisions strictly by the book.

"By the time we filed the lawsuit in 1993, McAvoy had already submitted two subdivision applications," said David Hilstolsky. "If he says anything against them, they get upset without a reason."

"Frank is the most fair person I know," said sister-in-law Karri Hilstolsky. "He worked hard helping to revise the zoning ordinance

- I think the supervisors used him for that, then let him go."

"It seems now like people are trying to get rid of some of the stronger members on the planning commission. They all worked their butts off on it," said David Carpenter.

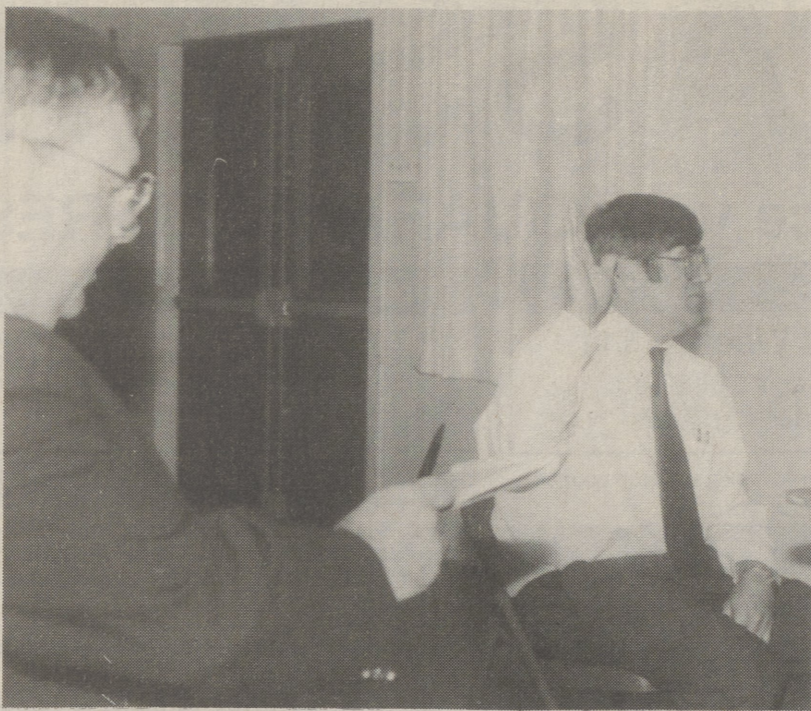
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**Ray Rybka**  
Franklin Twp. resident

Dorrance attended the hearing, but didn't testify. "I'm very disappointed with what's going on in the township," he said. "It looks like a tremendous political battle. I have spent hundreds of hours working to revise the zoning ordinance - as have Frank Hilstolsky and the entire planning commission."

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Frank Hilstolsky was sworn in before testifying at last week's Franklin Township meeting, in which he was removed from the planning commission.

**Township seeks new planning members**

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors are currently accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Interested applicants are asked to forward their letter of interest and resume to: Franklin Township Board of Supervisors, RR 3, Box 220-M, Dallas, PA 18612, no later than October 13, 1995.

For more information call the business office at 333-5131.

**Garden**

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Dad's help) his own "garden pool," also called a "water garden." It is complete with floating flowering plants, exotic goldfish boarders and a working waterfall in miniature.

Long ago the Chinese perfected the balance of our planet's basic elements - water, stone and plants. Their creations were unmatched anywhere. Then the Romans used fountains and pools to cool hot nights. In Victorian England goldfish swam in and out of elaborate miniature houses, and in France large sheets of water were laid out in front of any chateau worthy of the name. Now in America, belatedly perhaps, people are discovering the pleasure of growing things in water.

As a hobby a water garden has a lot going for it. Planning and designing your own is fun. Shopping for the right components is fun. Then the actual construction, adding water and plants, or fish, is also great fun. Patios and backyards which were dull at one time suddenly take on a new life with the addition of a water garden. Peaceful contemplation is raised to a higher level, especially if it is hot and iced tea is available.

A Back Mountain garden store, alert to this trend in gardening, had added a whole section displaying preformed pools, plastic liners and all their accessories. A recent Sunday seminar was held in their garden department, where specialists furnished their expert to speak to a group of Back Mountaineers. These ranged from rank beginners to seasoned old-timer, that is, on their second season.

You needn't guess who was in rapt attendance near the front with his list of questions at the ready...yes, young Master Wolfe. Ben lives with his family on Outlet Road in Lehman Township. His Dad, Bing Wolfe (no fan of Crosby) is an electronic technician at Commonwealth. He has a sister, Valerie, 17, a senior at Lake-Lehman.

Ben's Mom, Ruth, runs the Wolfe establishment and also helps her own Mom, Florence LaBar, run her own business - Caddie LaBar's - along with her four sons. Mrs. LaBar of course thinks the sun rises and sets on Ben, and if the truth were known, often slips him some of that green paper even when it isn't his birthday. (Especially when he needs something for the water garden!)

Ben's grades are where they should be, and he plays trombone

in the school band. His mother just welcomed him home after three weeks at band camp, held from 8:30 to 5:30, and she says, "That band must sound awfully good by now!" (She missed him.)

Ben is sun-browned and almost as tall as his father, who also attended the seminar and stayed awake throughout. Bing Wolfe admits, "I didn't think too much of this when he started out by raving over a neighbor's pool. But when the project actually started I changed my mind in a hurry. Of course, I had to help, and once you get into this stuff you get hooked. I know I am."

Mother Ruth approved and encouraged the pool project from the very beginning. She explains, "I always feel good when either of my kids gets interested enough to try something new."

"I'd never discourage them, and I thank heaven they never have gotten into anything they shouldn't."

Ruth adds, "That seminar the other day must have been really worthwhile. Right after they came home Ben was out rearranging his pool."

One change on next year's schedule will be the addition of a fish called "koi" to join the present goldfish population. Ben, who read about koi in one of his pool books, says, "Koi are friendly. And they become family pets. They follow owners around the pool and even take food from your hand. I'd like that."

Koi are said to outlive most pets; in some cases they even outlive their owners. They come in many varieties, from single colored to five-colors. The latter of course are expensive, but startling in appearance...red, white, black, blue and brown.

About a dozen firms now are in the water garden business, furnishing things like fiberglass pool shells, flexible liners, submersible pumps, waterfalls, and, naturally scads of plants like the water lily. There are even special lights for decorating pools at night. Their current is cut down to only 12 volts and they can be mounted above a pool, submerged in it, or float on it.

You should probably think twice before inspecting any garden pool you hear about in or near your neighborhood. Like Ben and Bing Wolfe, you could get hooked. But as a brand new, refreshing and rewarding hobby, you could do a lot worse!

**OBITUARIES**

**ANDREW POHONCHE**

Andrew T. Pohonche, 3, of Centermoreland, Wyoming County, died Sept. 26, 1995, of natural causes at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born Nov. 12, 1991, in Kingston, he was a son of Andrew G. and Lynne Morris Pohonche.

In addition to his parents are a brother, Jeremy J., at home; paternal grandmother, Frances, Centermoreland; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Morris, Chinchilla; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial donations may be made either to the United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 425 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton 18509 or Allied Services, 475 Morgan Highway, Scranton 18508.

**JENNIE STARK**

Jennie C. Stark, 84, a former resident of James Street, Shavertown, died Sept. 29, 1995, in the Kingston Health Care Center, Kingston.

Born in West Pittston, she was the daughter of the late Charles E. and Isabella Hilbert Stark.

She was a graduate of Kingston Township High School, Class of 1929, and the Wilkes-Barre Business College.

She was employed as an executive secretary for the Armour Meat Packing Co. for 37 years and Luzerne County Human Resources for eight years.

She had resided in Shavertown since 1925.

She was a member of the Parsons Primitive Church and its Ladies Aid and Alpha Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Hilbert.

Surviving are a nephew, Phillip E. Stark, Shavertown; one great-nephew; two great-nieces and cousins.

Interment, Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Parsons Primitive Methodist Church, 223 Austin Ave., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

**NANCY LITCHMAN**

Nancy Litchman, 68, of Kingston died Sept. 28, 1995, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late William and Catherine Hoffman Coffay and was a 1945 graduate of St. Mary's High School.

She lived at Harveys Lake for 31 years before moving to Kingston six years ago.

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

She was preceded in death by daughters, Molly and Nancy Jo.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph F., son, Dr. Joseph F., Harveys Lake; daughter, Mrs. Drew (Lorraine) Regan, Dallas; five grandchildren; sisters, Corrine Brown, Lois Hopple, Joan Snarski, Mary Lazovich, Margaret Green, all of Wilkes-Barre; Adrienne Toole, Hanover Township; brothers, William Coffay Jr. and Joseph Coffay, both of Wilkes-Barre.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

**OSCAR LANGSTON**

Oscar R. Langston, 59, of Sorber Mountain, Noxen, died Oct. 2, 1995, at the home of a relative.

Born in Micro, NC, he was the son of Rosa Creech Langston, Hampton, VA, and the late Bythan Langston.

He resided in Newport News, VA before moving to Sorber Mountain 37 years ago.

He was employed as an electrician for Proctor and Gamble, Mehoopany for 19 years and owned and operated Langston's Country Store, Noxen, for eight years. He retired in 1990.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1958.

He and his wife, the former Phyllis Kocher, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary in April.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother are, sons, Timothy R., Mountaintop; Tony R., Allentown; daughter, Mrs. Bradley (Teresa) Everetts, Beaumont; four grandchildren; brother, Billy R., Newport News; sister, Mrs. Charles (LaVerne) Carter, Suffolk, VA.

The funeral will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, corner of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, with the Rev. Keith F. Benjamin, pastor of the Noxen and Ruggles United Methodist Churches, officiating.

Interment will be in the Kocher Cemetery, Ruggles.

**EMILY LARKINS**

Emily (Lolly) C. Larkins, 53, RR 2, Dallas, Chase, died Sept. 25, 1995 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in St. Louis, she was a daughter of the late Sidney and Emily Maloney Cornell.

She resided in Chase for the past 10 years.

She graduated from Nerinx Hall, Webster Groves, Mo. and received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. She later received her master's degree in education.

She taught in the Lake-Lehman School District at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School, Harveys Lake, for the last 10 years.

She was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, Kingston Township.

She and her husband, David H. Sr., celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on Aug. 15.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Melissa C., at home; a son, David H. Jr., at home; sister, Mrs. Barbara A. Hickey, Rochester Hills, MI.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Avenue with the Rev. John C. O'Bell and Chaplain W. James Pall, State Correctional Institute, Dallas officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lolly Larkins Reading Corner, c/o Lake-Noxen Elementary School, RR 3, Box 270, Harveys Lake, 18618.

Arrangements by the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek.

**KATHARINA COYNE**

Katharina C. Coyne of Susquehanna Avenue, Dallas, died Sept. 29, 1995, at the Kingston Health Care Center, Kingston.

Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Christopher and Katharina Martini Cornet.

She lived in Wyoming and Dallas for many years and was employed as a stenographer for the Pennsylvania State Police in Wyoming for 11 years until her retirement.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown, the Dallas Senior Center, the Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees and was a past member of the Swoyersville Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her first husband in 1961 and second husband, Gerald Coyne, in 1987.

Surviving are daughters, Sandra Belles, Idetown; Diane Seymour, Edwardsville, Elizabeth Kocher, with whom she resided; son, Kenneth Schweiss, Larksville; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Anna White, Cape May, NJ.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 1715, Shavertown, 18708.

**EVELYN WINTERSTEEN**

Evelyn K. Wintersteen, 86, of the Meadows Apartments, Lake Street, Dallas, died Sept. 30, 1995, at the Hampton House in Hanover Township.

Born in Conyngham, she was the daughter of the late Franklin and Elizabeth Rittenhouse Knorr.

She was a graduate of Conyngham High School and received her degree as a registered nurse in New York City.

Her family were the former owners of the Harveys Lake Picnic Grounds and Amusement Park, where she was involved in management. She lived in Harveys Lake from 1942 to 1982.

She was a charter member of the Harveys Lake Women's Club and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was a member of the Alderson United Methodist Church, Harveys Lake.

She worked for many years as a private duty registered nurse in the Wyoming Valley.

In 1982, she moved into and was one of the first residents in the Meadows Apartments.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delmar S., and a son, Robert D.

Surviving are a son, Barry A., Cary, Ill; four grandchildren; sister, Geraldine Kauffman, Conyngham.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown, Kingston Township, with the Rev. W. William Kennard, officiating.

Interment will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

**Dallas Area Women's Club to meet Oct. 12**

The Dallas Area Federated Woman's (GFWC) will meet October 12 at 7 p.m. at the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estate.

Appletree Terrace's executive chef, Bob Coccia will present a cooking demonstration of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, which will be the meal. Cost is \$12.00.

Reservations must be made by October 8 by calling 675-5998. Members, guests and potential members are welcome.

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