

# Deaths

## J. ROBERT KELLER

J. Robert Keller, 66, of Manheim Road, died Saturday, March 27, in Lancaster General Hospital.

Although death was unexpected, he had been under the care of a physician for some time.

Born in Mount Joy, a son of the late Johnson B. and Mary Alice McGill Keller, he was a lifelong Mount Joy resident.

He was a partner in the J. B. Keller Stockyards, which his father started in 1896.

A past president of the Mt. Joy Borough Council, he was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Mount Joy Friendship Fire Company #1.

He is survived by his widow, S. Kathryn Cassel Keller, and a nephew, Raymond Keller, of Mount Joy, with whom he was in partnership.

Services were held Tuesday morning from the Sheetz funeral home and burial made in the Mount Joy cemetery.

## HERBERT SARVER

Herbert Eugene Sarver, 71, Mount Joy R2, died at his home Saturday afternoon, March 27, unexpectedly.

He had been under a doctor's care for a heart condition.

Born in Millerstown, Perry County, and a son of the late Irvin H. and Annie Taylor Sarver, he had been a resident of Mount Joy for the past 12 years.

Retired from the U.S. Air Force and last employed at the Olmsted Airport, Middletown, he attended the Donegal Presbyterian Church. He was a member of Newport Lodge No. 381 F and AM. He was also a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Harrisburg Zembo Temple, the Lancaster County Shrine club, American Legion Post 329, of Elizabethtown, and the Veterans Association of the 104th Cavalry.

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## SWEETIE PIE



"Trick or treat?"

a Lt. Colonel after 30 years service with the U. S. Air Force.

Besides his wife, Mary Strickler Sarver, he is survived by a sister, Julia, wife of Norman Bonsall, Millerstown; and a brother, Irvin T. Sarver, Middletown.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Sheetz funeral home and burial was made in the St. Mathews Lutheran cemetery, Newport, Penna.

## Others are Saying

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grams and activities need a good shot in the arm. And this could be "just the medicine the doctor ordered."

For what comes up at those meetings which involves parents and teachers which does not as directly involve the students. Get them participating and we are sure that the discussions would become lively ones, indeed! And probably mighty enlightening and helpful.

Of course, all of this depends upon getting the students to attend—should the organization be expanded to include them. On that score we have serious misgivings, doubts which can be dispelled only if tried.

And for that reason—it is worth exploring.

—Lititz Record

## IT HAPPENED

### In Harrisburg

By Jack Horner

Now that Milton Shapp has his tax money to carry thru the next 18 months, the impression around Capitol Hill is that he wants the Legislature to adjourn finally, and fast.

House Republicans say: steady now, Milton. Very important unfinished business still faces the General Assembly.

Implementation of the new Local Government Article of the Constitution, for example. Its provisions can give our cities, boroughs and townships new muscle to deal with tough problems, and to cooperate with one another. But the Legislature must act.

This week the Local Government Commission meets to consider two high-priority bills, dealing with home rule charters and optional forms of government.

Another bill already introduced, Senate Bill 382, provides methods for merger or consolidation of communities, and procedures to be followed in boundary changes.

Bills providing for local reapportionment and intergovernmental cooperation, which the Legislature failed to act

upon last session, will be re-introduced.

Other high-priority subjects the Legislature should act upon include:

—A 'no-fault' auto accident insurance bill, introduced by Republican members of the Consumer Protection Committee. Under the no-fault system which U. S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Yolpe has asked all states to approve, accident victims collect from their own insurance companies, rather than engage in lengthy court proceedings. In Massachusetts where no-fault insurance became legal in January, there has already been a 50 per cent reduction in claims.

—House Bill 312, which would combine the General State Authority with the Department of Property & Supplies into a new Department of General Services. This is a good government bill, one which will save the taxpayers an estimated \$12 million a year in capital construction costs.

—A package of 68 bills which would confer both the benefits and obligations of adulthood upon young people 18 years of age and over, in line with the U. S. Supreme Court decision to qualify 18-year-olds to vote in Federal elections. House Republicans will also push for legislation to lower the voting age in time for the municipal elections this fall.

—A series of 33 bills, House Bills 315 through 347, increasing penalties for sabotage & malicious mischief.

—House Bill 365, greatly increasing penalties for making bomb threats.

—House Bills 487 and 488, which would require the Governor to submit an operating budget to the Legislature before taxes could be increased. If such a law were now on the books, House and Senate Democrats could not have given Milton Shapp the \$1.5 billion blank check they handed him on March 4.

—House Bill 490, establishing regional community treatment centers for women, administered by the Bureau of Corrections in the Department of Justice.

—House Bill 357, requiring annual reports to the Legislature on the operation of the new intermediate unit system of school administration, to make sure how tax money is being spent, and if there is real improvement over the old county system.

—House Bill 373, providing free tuition at State Colleges for children of policemen or firemen killed or totally disabled in the line of duty.

—House Bill 419, providing for medical treatment of drug addicts, under the supervision of the Dept. of Health.

—House Bills 405 through 409, whose enactment could result in great savings in the cost of school building construction. These bills would stop the "Taj Mahal" trend in school building by changing standards, permitting use of the component system and single contracts construction and requiring approval before the construction or lease of a public school building.

Here then are some, but by no means all, of the subjects to be considered and the bills already introduced which deserve the close attention of the General Assembly.

House Republicans say to Governor Shapp and the Democrat leadership in the House and Senate: forget about hustling us out of town.

## HELEN G. ASHMEAD

Mrs. Helen G. Ashmead, 75 of 315 Barbara St., Landisville, died Thursday evening, March 25, at Lancaster General hospital. Although she had been under the care of a physician, death was unexpected.

The wife of Fred R. Ashmead Jr., she was born in Philadelphia, a daughter of the late Charles and Susan Kleinot Shute, and was a resident of Lancaster County for the past 40 years.

A member of the First Baptist church, she was very active in athletics and was a prominent bowler.

At one time, she was the Lancaster County Women's Bowling Champion, and also the first secretary of the Lancaster Women's Bowling league.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, LaVerne, wife of George E. Meagher, Prospectville; Anna Jeanne, wife of George S. Scholes, Deerfield, Ill., and Irene A., wife of Stanley J. Buch, Lancaster.

Also, one son, Fred R. III, Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Ida Reed, Willow Grove; two brothers, Russell C. Shute, of Philadelphia, and Richard Shute, Milford, Del.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Mar. 29 from the Chapel of the Whitemarsh Memorial Park.

The Goldfinch is sometimes referred to as the "Wild Canary!"

Let's stay in Harrisburg and do the job our constituents sent us here to do.

## GUEST SPEAKER AT FLORIN CHURCH

The Rev. Lamar Gible, Peace and International Affairs consultant of the Church of the Brethren, Elgin, Ill., will be the guest speaker in the Florin Church of the Brethren, Palm Sunday, April 4, at 10 a.m.

Rev. Gible, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gible, of 375 S. Market Avenue, Mount Joy was the former pastor of the Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren, outside of Washington, D.C., for a number of years. He is a graduate of Elizabethtown college, Bethany Theological seminary, and received a master's degree from American university, Washington.

His responsibility in the national office of the Church of the Brethren has recently taken him to Japan, Vietnam and the Far East. Earlier, he visited the Iron Curtain countries and the World Council of Churches Assembly.

Rev. Gible is married to the former Nancy Heatwole, Palmyra, and father of two sons.

## Band Exchange

Donegal high school band was host to the West Perry high school band for an exchange program on March 27 and 28. The combined bands presented a concert Saturday, March 27 at 8 p.m. in the Donegal high school auditorium.

West Perry band members were overnight guests in the homes of Donegal students. The Donegal band entertained all Perry guests at a party following the Saturday night concert.

Acklley Covered Bridge,

Pennsylvania, c. 1832.

Greenfield Village



BRIDGE TO THE PAST

"NOW HE BELONGS TO the ages." These words, reportedly spoken by Secretary of War Stanton at 7:22 a.m. on April 15, 1865, climaxed a night of confusion, grief and near-panic. Almost exactly nine hours earlier, at Ford's Theater across the street from where Stanton now stood in a tiny bedroom in the Peterson house, President Abraham Lincoln had been mortally wounded. He was never again to regain consciousness.



The rocking chair, shawl and theater program Lincoln used the night of his assassination.

Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, died less than two weeks later. He was either shot by Federal troops or by his own hand just before the barn on the Garrett farm in which he hid was set afire, destroying his body. On July 7, the seven men and one woman found guilty of complicity in the plot were hanged.

From the conspiracy trial, come the known facts of the crime. On Good Friday evening, April 14, 1865, the Presidential party arrived in the

box especially prepared for them at Ford's Theater to see a performance of "Our American Cousin." After acknowledging the ovation from the audience, the President settled into the red, silk damask rocker brought there from the manager's office for him.

Toward the end of the third act, Booth let himself silently into the box. A well known actor, he was familiar with both the theater and the play. He knew that the President would be out of sight of the audience with his back to the door and that there would be only one actor on stage at this moment. Drawing a single-shot Derringer, he fired at the President's head. As the President slumped forward, Booth rushed to the front of the box where he struggled with a member of the party before leaping to the stage.

In the panic that broke out in the theater and the fear that held the Capital, the theater was closed and the furniture in the box confiscated. Much of the testimony at the trial centered around the assassination chair—why it was moved into the box and why it was placed in such a vulnerable position. When the investigation was over, Secretary Stanton placed it in his office until it was moved to the basement of the Smithsonian Institution where it remained for over 50 years.

In 1929 the heirs of the theater's owners regained possession of the chair. It was obtained from them for Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. Displayed in the Village's Logan County Courthouse, where Lincoln once practised law, this mute relic now serves to keep his memory fresh.