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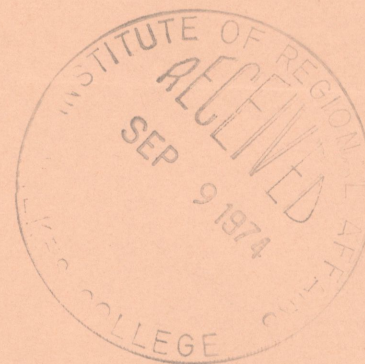
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Shaw to Talk At Conference

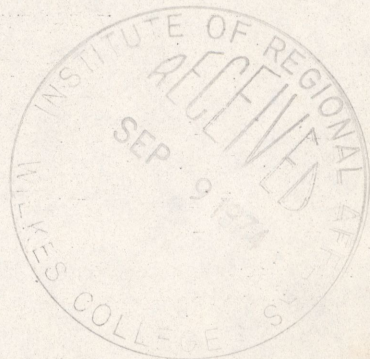
Andrew Shaw Jr., assistant to the president for management and operations at Wilkes College and director of the Wilkes College Institute of Regional Affairs, will play a major role in this year's 32nd annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association Sept. 14-17 at Pittsburgh Hilton.

The conference theme will be "Improving Your Community the Authority Way."

Shaw will present a lecture to the group about board members, "A Profile of the PMAA Board Member."

Shaw is a 1960 graduate of Wilkes College and achieved his M.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and did additional studies in statistics at Temple University.

He is the administrative analyst in the Philadelphia Managing Directors Office, served for 12 years on the Pennsylvania Economy League and has been acting director of research for the last five years; and is a member of the Advisory Commission of the Lehigh Valley Congress of Governments. *Scr. Tub. 9/6/74*



\$1.5 Million Kirby Park Renovation in High Gear



Aerial view depicts progress on the \$1.5 million renovation of Kirby Park. Workmen have virtually completed the initial stages of grading preparatory to installation of new facilities.

The park, long a recreation mecca for Wyoming Valley families, was heavily damaged by the flood of 1972. Reconstruction is taking place largely through a federal grant.

City officials have closed the park for the duration of the

project which, when completed, will house a new track, 10 new tennis courts, completely resodded baseball fields, a lighted baseball field for night play, and a playground, with wading pool, for youngsters.

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The finished product is not expected to be ready until the Summer of 1975.—(Aerial Photo by Ace Hoffman.)

Sunday, June 9, 1974

Flood Seeking Amendment To Repay Taxes Incurred Under SBA Forgiveness Act

Congressman Daniel J. Flood has introduced legislation which would bring additional financial relief to 1972 Agnes flood victims.

In sponsoring an amendment to the 1954 Internal Revenue Service Code, Flood clarifies the "intent of Congress" in enacting the Agnes Recovery Act, which expanded the Small Business Administration and Farmers Home Administration disaster loan forgiveness to \$5,000.

That law, which also was sponsored by Flood, was the most expansive disaster relief legislation ever enacted by the Congress.

The Flood amendment, if adopted, would bring about tax rebates to Agnes flood victims who paid taxes on disaster loan forgiveness benefits. The rebate would be in the amount of taxes which they already have paid on the forgiveness.

Congressman Flood said he had proposed the amendment as a result of an IRS ruling that taxes would have to be paid on the disaster loan forgiveness. Since 1972, the Congressman has taken several measures to assure that those who paid taxes on the forgiveness would receive rebates.

Intent Explained

In a letter to former IRS Commissioner John E. Walter, Flood said the intent of the lawmakers was that the forgiveness would not be taxable. Walker replied that if that were so, the "intent" would have to be spelled out in the form of legislation, since the IRS could not make such a ruling.

Flood then contacted Wilbur Mills, powerful chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, which handles such tax legislation, relative to the forgiveness tax rebate.

Mills informed Flood that the committee would consider the proposal when it was handling tax legislation this year.

Flood said yesterday that the committee is now writing a major tax bill, and that Chairman Mills has assured him that the tax rebate would be taken up in the next several weeks.

Congressman Flood noted that the amendment is retroactive to December, 1971, and includes South Dakota flood victims and Mississippi River Valley flood victims as well. Victims of these disasters, as well as Agnes, received similar forgiveness benefits, before the forgiveness was abolished in 1973.

S.I. June 9, 1974

King's, Wilkes Involved

Bill for College Monies May Face Stiff Challenge

A GOP House bill to give private Pennsylvania colleges \$18 million in state aid—most of it to church-related schools—faces a probable constitutional challenge.

The measure, giving at least \$10 million to church-related institutions, is near a final House vote.

Chief sponsor Rep. G. Sieber Pancoast, R-Montgomery, predicted, "There will be a question of constitutionality raised—but I think its constitutionality will be upheld."

One report said the state Education Department already had sought an opinion on the issue from Atty. Gen. Israel Packel.

The measure proposed at the behest of the Pennsylvania Assn. of Colleges and Universities has come close to setting new House speed records.

Introduced May 28, the bill was cleared without amendment the following day by the House Appropriations Committee headed by Rep. H. Jack Seltzer, R-Lebanon, who is co-sponsor. It

is in position for a final House vote.

The PACU bill would provide for an unprecedented direct institutional grant of \$600 to follow each Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency scholarship student to the private college of his-her choice.

To skirt the church-state constitutional question, the bill requires each school to set up a separate fund comprising the new state aid, and state audits would cover only that portion of a college's budget.

"That provision," Pancoast said, "is designed both to avoid the constitutional question and to try to preserve the privacy of any institution."

The PACU bill also avoids

reference to private college need.

The 48 generally smaller colleges who are members of the Foundation for Independent Colleges had total endowments as of June 1, 1973, worth \$320 million. The foundation does not include several prestigious schools that maintain their own fund-raising programs.

On the basis of PHEAA scholarship grants for 1973, the PACU bill would provide grants in excess of \$23,000 to at least 67 private colleges and universities.

Of the 67 only 19 are held nonchurch-related by legal PHEAA definition. Those 19 would get in excess of \$5.3 mil-



FLAG POLE AT WILKES — A dream of months drew fruition Friday when a flagpole, situated in front of the Wilkes College Air Force ROTC headquarters on S. Franklin St., was dedicated in memory of Harold Shrader, a local builder who recently passed away.

Present for the short ceremony were, left to right, Lt. Col. Richard Wing, Harold Shrader, Jr., son of the deceased; and Sgt. Richard Carlson.

A casual mention at Gideons Club has resulted in a new flagpole for Wilkes College campus.

The situation came about three months ago when Lt. Col. Richard Wing, commandant of the local Air Force ROTC Detachment at Wilkes College, mentioned to George Shrader, a builder, that his unit needed a flagpole in front of the AFROTC Building.

That simple request became a reality yesterday when the flagpole was dedicated in memory of Harold Shrader, brother to George, who passed away recently.

On hand for the short ceremony was Harold Shrader Jr., a junior at Hanover Area High School, who presented the pole on behalf of his uncle.

Wilkes is roughly one of 170 colleges with an AFROTC unit. Recently nine Northeastern Pennsylvania schools joined a consortium agreement which enables students from King's, Misericordia, Marywood, Luzerne County Community, Keystone Junior College, Lackawanna Junior College, and Penn State's Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, and Worthington Scranton campuses to participate in the training program at Wilkes.

The Air Force provides tuition and fees in accordance of existing Air Force policies to the various colleges for all AFROTC cadets on Air Force scholarship status who are enrolled as members of the AFROTC Detachment at Wilkes.

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Wilkes College Sets Journalism Course

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Responding to a national trend toward the improvement of communications, Wilkes College Department of English has put together a concentration in journalism which can be taken by individuals preparing for careers in any field.

The entire concept is that students in each major field are allowed to choose a certain number of electives (non-required courses of their own liking) and where an individual wishes to take advantage of having the added quality of basic skills in communications he may take up to 18 hours of courses that are directly related to the communications field.

The program was viewed by Dr. Thomas Kaska, chairman of the Department of English, as being one of extremely high value to the graduate in today's competitive job market. "A student who prepares himself to provide a double service to a prospective employer, especially in the current demand for individuals who can effectively assist in the art of communications," Dr. Kaska explained, "is providing himself with a greater chance of obtaining employment."

The concentration in journalism will include basic news writing, advanced news writing, news editing and a professional one-semester part time internship in a newspaper, radio, television news branch, or a public relations and/or advertising firm. Additional courses which can be added to this sequence are photography, offered by the Fine Arts Department, and Advertising, which is part of the course selection provided by the Commerce and Finance Department and Introduction to Broadcasting.

This Summer two courses — basic news writing and advertising — will be offered in the evening division of the college. Basic news writing will be given on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:45; and advertising will be offered during the same evenings from 8 to 9:30. Both courses may be taken on either a credit or non-credit basis by full time students or persons desiring just those particular courses.

In the fall the basic news writing course will be offered along with the news editing courses. The latter course will be available to those who have had the first two courses in Journalism or have had professional experience in the news fields.

Registration for the Summer courses will be held on Thursday and Friday (June 13-14) of this week from 8:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. in the office of the Division for Continuing Education and Graduate Studies, Weckesser Hall, 170 S. Franklin St.

The courses are designed to provide additional benefits aside from offering students additional status as graduates in their respective fields. It has been tailored to provide professional training for teachers who are involved with secondary school publications and teaching as well as those who have responsibilities in other fields of business and industry.

Senate Bill Makes Phone Service Theft Misdemeanor

(Capitol Special)

Harrisburg—This is the voting record of area lawmakers during the week of June 3-8 with voting as follows on major bills by area members of the State Senate and House of Representatives (Representatives George C. Hasay, R-Shick-shinny; Raphael Musto, D-Pittston; Bernard F. O'Brien, D-Wilkes-Barre; Frank J. O'Connell, R-Kingston; Fred J. Shupnik, D-Luzerne; James J. Ustynoski, R-Hazleton, and Senators Martin L. Murray, D-Ash-ley and T. Newell Wood, R-Harveys Lake):

Senate

SB 254—(Defeated)—Would exempt lottery winnings from all forms of local or state taxation such as the state income tax; it is estimated that some \$1.2 million would be lost to the state with this exemption. (Murray—Yes; Wood—No)

SB 592 & 593—(Passed)—This two-bill package comprises a \$71,829,091 capital budget for mass transportation for the 1974-75 fiscal year. (Murray—

Yes; Wood—Yes)

SB 769—(Passed)—Provide \$50 per day and 15 cents a mile to judges who have to travel from their home county to another to help reduce court backlogs. (Murray—Yes; Wood—Yes)

SB 1122 Amendment—(Defeated)—to this so-called flood plain zoning bill designed to reduce damage from future floods by requiring the state to pay 50 percent of local governments' planning costs. (Murray—No; Wood—Yes)

SB 1122 Amendment—(Defeated)—to this flood plain zoning bill that would have given local governments a greater voice in making zoning decisions. (Murray—No; Wood—No)

SB 1439—(Passed)—Authorizes harness racing on Sundays between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; earlier this session Sunday racing was approved for flat racing during the same hours. (Murray—Yes; Wood—Yes)

SB 1552—(Passed)—Makes publication, manufacture, sale or possession of any device to accomplish theft of telephone

service a second class misdemeanor; the bill applies specifically to telephone credit cards and phone credit card numbers which are not covered under present law. Murray—Yes; Wood—Yes)

HB 129—(Passed)—This is the proposed updating of the Professional Nursing Law; it modernizes the qualification standards required of professional nurses and revises existing code of standards on which nursing licenses can be suspended or revoked. (Murray—Yes; Wood—Yes)

HB 790—(Passed)—Would permit any political subdivision to establish a deferred compensation program for its employees; the funds may be invested in government bonds, savings accounts, life insurance contracts, annuity contracts or mutual fund shares. (Murray—Yes; Wood—Yes)

HB 142—(Defeated)—Would prohibit the Public Utility Commission from granting retroactive rate increases. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—

HB 295—(Defeated)—Would require all counties which have not performed general reassessments within past five years to assign new values on all properties within next three years. (Hasay—No; Musto—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—No; Shupnik—No; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 531—(Passed)—Require all new municipal police to complete an approved training program or face losing pay. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—Yes; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 1568—(Passed)—Prohibit state officials from hiring relatives to work in the same department. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—Did not vote; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 1703—(Passed)—Permit local governments to let citizens move into abandoned, substandard housing under agreements to rehabilitate the homes. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—Yes; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 1754—(Passed)—Prohibit smoking in buses, elevators and other public places such as indoor theaters, libraries, art museums and concert halls. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—No; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—No; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 1973—(Passed)—This is the so-called "no-fault auto insurance" bill, providing automatic payment for medical bills and lost wages regardless of accident responsibility. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—Yes; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 1992—(Passed)—Require incumbent governors to submit state budget proposals in January and guaranteeing legislative access to budget requests of each department. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—No; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—No; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 1993—(Passed)—Provides that when the Legislature fails to adopt a new budget by July 1, state spending would

automatically continue at existing levels. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—No; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—No; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 2028—(Passed)—Raises from \$2,000 to \$3,200 the income level below which local governing bodies may exempt individuals from per capita tax, occupation tax and occupational privilege tax. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; Shupnik—Did not vote; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 2208—(Passed)—Increases the maximum ceiling on grants by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per student. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; Shupnik—Yes; Ustynoski—Yes)

HB 2215—(Passed)—Require public disclosure by all business entities receiving non-bid contracts from the state and political subdivisions. (Hasay—Yes; Musto—Yes; O'Brien—Yes; O'Connell—Yes; Shupnik—Yes; Ustynoski—Yes)

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NURSING DISCUSSED—The Wilkes College Department of Nursing held an orientation for its advisory committee to nursing in the lounge of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Representatives discussed factors affecting health care delivery, nursing resources at Wilkes, the undergraduate program, new technologies in teaching and the continuing education of the registered nurse. They were welcomed by Wilkes College President Francis J. Michelini and Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Capin. Mrs. Ruth McHenry, chairman of department of nursing, provided an introduction of the agenda. A social hour followed the afternoon seminar.

Shown from left, first row: Dr. Michelini; Mrs. Rosellen Garrett, associate professor of nursing at Wilkes; Mary Ann Keirans, director of Home Health Services of Luzerne County; Thelma DeWitt, director of nursing at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital; Dorothy M. Cook, director of nursing service at Wyoming Valley Hospital; Kay Masters, secretary at Wilkes College; Margaret Lawlor, superintendent of public health nursing, Pennsylvania Department of Health; Patricia McCulloch, psychiatric nurse therapist, Luzerne-Wyoming County Mental Health Center; Mary Gardner, chief of nursing

service, Veterans Administration Hospital; Elizabeth Rarig, Continuing Education Department of Wilkes; Florence Bourcier, assistant professor of nursing at Wilkes; Ann Richards, Maternal Health Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.; Sister Sara Sweeney, RSM, director of nursing service at Mercy Hospital; Leona Castor, director of nursing, Luzerne County Community College; Mrs. McHenry; Bernice Evans, head nurse, Hazleton-Nanticoke Mental Health Center; Dean Capin.

Second row, Dr. Anthony Turchetti, Wilkes-Hahnemann program; Dr. J. W. Ehrhart, Luzerne County Medical Society; Robert Hare, Pennsylvania State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus; Leo R. Downey, academic dean of College Misericordia; Burton Sears, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania; Emma Knapper, Geisinger Medical Center; Marilyn Turner, instructor at Wilkes; Sister Sara McNelis, RSM, director of nursing services at Mercy Hospital; Mariam Alexander, Wilkes College; Rita Greenfield, Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton; Ann Russin, Wilkes College; Dr. Robert E. Werner, chairman of commerce and finance department, Wilkes College; William Huff, Greater Delaware Valley Regional Medical Program; Dr. Edward B. Stockham, project director, Wilkes-Hahnemann program.

Hilldale to Get Bus Route Today

Effective today, River Road trips on the Old Forge bus route will be rerouted off River Road to serve Hilldale.

Robert Miscavage, Luzerne County Transportation Authority member remarked that Old Forge trips scheduled via River Road will operate via Court-right Street, (Plainsville), Main Street (Hilldale and Saylor Road) to the regular route reversing that route on inbound trips. Miscavage added that residents of Hilldale will now have a choice of 42 daily trips compared to the present 24 daily trips.

Public schedules are available on Old Forge buses, and at the Authority offices, 52 Public Square. *J.E. 3/11/72*

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