

Obituary

Frank J. Shaner, Rotary Governor

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — Frank J. Shaner, 58, district governor-elect for forty-eight Rotary Clubs in Southern New Jersey and Delaware died yesterday of a heart attack at his home in suburban Ventnor. An office supply wholesaler, Mr. Shaner was elected governor for Rotary District 272 in October.

He was to have taken office in July. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edna Shaner, and four daughters, Mrs. John Finn, Syracuse; Mrs. Philip Gustafson, Honolulu, and Mrs. Edgar Elmer and Mrs. George Brown, Margate.

Raymond B. Snow

BURLINGTON—The funeral of Raymond B. Snow, 48, of the Jackson-Jobstown Road, who died of a heart attack in Trenton Wednesday, will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow from his home. Interment will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Burlington.

Mr. Snow collapsed while at work in the Metropolitan Brewing Company at Lambertson and Lalor Streets. He was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Francis Hospital. He was a member of the Riverside Moose Lodge. In addition to his wife, Mrs. Mary B. Snow, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Anna R. Snow; five sons, Thomas and Raymond Jr. of Riverside, Martin, serving in the Navy, and John and Charles at home; three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Winkelspecht and Mrs. Margaret Moddy of Riverside and Miss Eleanor Snow at home; a brother, Herbert, of Burlington; three sisters, Mrs. Florence Horrichack of Keen, N. H., Mrs. Martha Dickerson of Riverside and Mrs. Emma Wispert of Medford, and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Andrew Williams

TITUSVILLE — Mrs. Margaret Ella Williams, 85, of Brickyard Road died at her home yesterday after a long illness. She was the wife of Andrew Williams.

Mrs. Williams was born in Hopewell Township and was a resident of this area all of her life. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two nieces.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the Farr Funeral Home, 10 Front Street, Hopewell. The Rev. H. J. Johnson will officiate. Interment will be in the Titusville Methodist Church Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home tomorrow evening.

Raymond Crossley

Raymond Crossley of Lambertson Road died at his home yesterday after a long illness. He was the husband of Mrs. Gertrude Little Crossley.

Born in Trenton, he was the son of the late Abraham and Emma Crannage Crossley. He was in the painting and paper hanging business. He was a member of the In and Out Social Club and the Sportsmen's Fish and Game Protective Association.

In addition to his wife he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Susie Brelsford, Mrs. Harry Smith and Mrs. William Stone, all of Trenton, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Monday from the J. Allen Hooper Funeral Chapel, 45 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Morrisville. The Rev. Clifford G. Pollock, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Morrisville will officiate. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral chapel from 7 to 9 p. m. Sunday.

Oscar Merkler

Oscar Merkler of 1068 South Clinton Avenue died yesterday in St. Francis Hospital after a short illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Reich Merkler, and a son, Andrew, of Trenton. Funeral services were held today from the Buklad Memorial Home, 2141 South Broad Street, with Rabbi Solomon Poll of Ahavath Israel Synagogue officiating. Interment will be in the synagogue cemetery.

Endrzejewski Baby Dies

Sandra Lee Endrzejewski, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Endrzejewski of 1320 Genesee Street, died yesterday in McKinley Hospital. Her mother is the former Lillian Kuzma.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Endrzejewski, and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kuzma.

The funeral will be held at 11:15 a. m. Saturday from the Kowalski Funeral Home, 888 Brunswick Avenue. The blessing will be said at St. Hedwig's Church at 11:30 a. m. and interment will be in the parish cemetery, Ewing Township. Friends may call from 7 to 9 tonight.

Rites Held For Baby

BRISTOL—Services were held this morning for Donna I. Stadanlick, three-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stadanlick of 910 Court F, Bristol Terrace II, who was found dead in her crib Wednesday.

The Rev. Lehman H. Straus of Calvary Baptist Church officiated at the services in the John C. Black Funeral Home, 314 Cedar Street. Interment was in the Forest Hills Cemetery, Somerton.

Funeral Tomorrow



Walter Wazolek

The funeral of Walter Wazolek, 50, who died Wednesday from a heart attack, will be held tomorrow at 9 a. m. from his home, 1408 Princeton Avenue. Solemn requiem mass will be celebrated at 10 in St. Hedwig's Church and interment will be in the parish cemetery. Ewing Township, under direction of Lisiecki and Lisiecki. Friends may call this afternoon and evening.

Charles A. Kates

Charles A. Kates, 67, of 434 Schiller Avenue, Hamilton Township, died today in St. Francis Hospital after a short illness. He was the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Meade Kates.

Mr. Kates was retired in 1951 as an employee of the John A. Roebling's Sons Company. He served as fire commissioner for Hamilton Township's District 3 from 1932 to 1938. He was an exempt member of the Rusling Hose Company, a member of the Broad Street Park Firemen's Relief Association and a member of the In and Out Social Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Charles Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Doris Kitts of Beach Haven and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the Buklad Memorial Home, 2141 South Broad Street, at 2 p. m. Monday. The Rev. Henry D. Parker of the Broad Street Park Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will be in Colonial Memorial Park. Friends may call at the memorial home after 4 p. m. Sunday.

William B. Weeks

FLORENCE — William B. Weeks, 67, died suddenly yesterday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Napoli of 715 West Third Street.

A resident of Florence for 16 years, Mr. Weeks was a foreman for John A. Roebling's Sons Inc. before his retirement two years ago. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of American Legion Post 39 of Roebling, the Odd Fellows of Roebling and the Elks Lodge of Burlington.

In addition to Mrs. Napoli, he is survived by two other sisters, Mrs. Emma May Marshall of Bordentown and Mrs. Stanley Joyce of Riverside; his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Weeks of Riverside; a brother, Harry, of Bordentown; two nieces and four nephews.

The funeral will be held at 11 a. m. Tuesday from the Koschek Funeral Home, Knickerbocker Road, Roebling. The Rev. Donald Walk of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Florence will officiate. Interment will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Burlington. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday afternoon and evening.

Thomas Singelton

The funeral of Thomas Singelton, 55, of 48 Decatur Street, who died Saturday at Donnelly Memorial Hospital, will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow from the Dade Funeral Home, 108 Bellevue Avenue.

Mr. Singelton was born in Wilmington, Delaware. The Rev. Ossie Lyons of St. Paul's AME Church will officiate at the services. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

To Unveil Memorial

A memorial for Mrs. Miriam Talshoff will be unveiled Sunday at 1 p. m. in Greenwood Cemetery with Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn officiating. Relatives and friends are invited.

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GOP Charts Policy On Legislation

Senate and House Republican leaders met today at Princeton with State Chairman Bodine to discuss party policy on a number of legislative issues.

Out of the session may come an indication of the position the party will take on new taxes. Governor Meyner has cited the need of approximately \$90 million in additional revenue next year, raising the prospect of a sales or income levy.

Republican leaders are awaiting a special message the Governor has promised within two weeks to see what he proposes. Today's conference was called primarily to review possible sources and consider how far to go on the amount the Governor suggests.

Meyner has pointed to more than a dozen new or increased taxes as means of raising the money he sees necessary, but thusfar has not any. The Republicans want his program in detail before charting their course.

Feuders put out on sales and personal income taxes have brought a hostile reaction. A bloc of House Republicans led by the Essex and Bergen delegations is set to battle either form of levy.

A \$31 million program of increased levies proposed by the Commission of State Tax Policy has been characterized by the Governor as not enough. At the moment, however, there are some Republicans unwilling to go beyond it.

The money, which would be raised by a cent a gallon boost in the gas tax and raising the corporate franchise and racing taxes, would all go for increased school aid. In addition, the Governor cited \$40 million he says is needed for normal budget increases next year and to overcome the lack of a \$25 million surplus used in balancing the 1954-55 budget.

3 Companies Fight Flames

Fire, locked up in one side of a two-family house, brought three fire companies and Lawrence Township police to Vermont Avenue last night.

A Slackwood fireman, Conrad Fink, 45, of 728 Puritan Avenue suffered a cut hand in the fire fight and was treated at McKinley Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Popendek of 37 Vermont Avenue smelled smoke seeping into their half of the house shortly before 8:30. The fire apparently started in a closet in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerdes, 35 Vermont Avenue. But the Gerdes and their daughter, Claire, were away from home and the doors were locked.

Mrs. Popendek rushed out to notify neighboring friends of the Gerdes while her husband called police.

Slackwood, Lawrence Road and Company 9 of the Trenton Fire Department responded to the alarm. Captain George Wood was in charge of the police detail. The bedroom of the Gerdes' apartment was badly damaged and water damage to both apartments was extensive.

Levittown Democrats Give Brennan Support

LEVITTOWN — The Levittown Democratic Party has endorsed its chairman, A. Patrick Brennan, as candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Lower Bucks County State Assembly seat.

But members who believed that the party should remain neutral in the May 18 primary put up a strong fight before Brennan was endorsed by a 35 to 17 vote last night at Fallsington School.

Brennan, backed by area labor groups, is running against Frank J. Fleming, Cornwells Heights contractor. Fleming was the candidate originally endorsed by area party "regulars."

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Weather Data

U. S. Weather Bureau, Trenton, N. J. Forecast for Trenton and vicinity: Sunny and cool today; fair and cool tonight with lowest near 32°; Saturday increasing cloudiness and moderate temperature; light frost tonight.

Board Faces Big Shortage Of Teachers

LEVITTOWN — A critical shortage of elementary teachers is looming in Bristol Township schools, township school directors were informed last night.

Mrs. Dorothy McCollom, director of elementary education, told a meeting of the Bristol Township School Board at Delhaas High School, that only 28 of 55 teachers who will be needed in the lower grades next Fall have been engaged.

"Pennsylvania colleges are not turning out enough elementary teachers," she said.

The board approved applications of 19 of the 28 teachers at the meeting. Most are women without experience who will get degrees in June.

Mrs. McCollom noted that the \$3,000 starting salary is too low to compete with pay which is "as high as \$3,800 a year" in some parts of the state.

Top starting salary in this area is the \$3,600 paid by Tullytown borough schools.

Some of the 28 already engaged can be expected to cancel their contracts before Fall if they obtain jobs nearer their homes, she added.

In addition, Mrs. McCollom said, 12 of the 40 teachers at Levittown's new John Fitch School have told her they plan to resign at the end of the term.

False Fire Alarm

Firemen answered a false alarm turned in from a box at North Clinton and Perrine Avenues at 7:30 o'clock last night.

Police questioned people in the vicinity. No one had seen the box pulled.

Firemen removed a defective refrigerator late yesterday from the home of Mrs. Anna Dunlap, 82, at 149 Passaic Street.

Water Boost Cost Put At \$3,000,000

The city failed yesterday to take any official action on raising water rates, but Mayor Connolly announced publicly that the water distribution improvements expected to be financed by the rate increases would cost about \$3,000,000.

This is considerably more than was anticipated. Connolly also said about \$2,500,000 of the total would go for water extensions and other improvements in the townships, with the rest spent on city facilities.

The Mayor still did not disclose the amount of increases to be asked, but said a \$40,000 bond issue would pay for 1,500 feet of pipe in Parkway Avenue to boost water pressure at the General Motors plant for about a year, before more extensive improvements are made.

General Motors had asked for more water, and the GM local of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, had asked action in the fear the plant might move from Trenton if it could not get enough water. But Commissioner Warren W. Orpen indicated he might oppose the temporary expedient when he made clear after Connolly's statement that the City Commission had not yet considered the bond issue.

Trenton must go before the State Public Utility Commission to get approval to raise township rates, and Connolly has said city rates will not be increased until Trenton gets that approval.

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Wiring Sets House Afire

Fire attributed to defective wiring caused damage estimated at \$5,000 to the home of John A. Duncan of Mountainview Road, Ewing Township, at 1:30 a. m. today.

The blaze started in a utility room of the ranch-type dwelling and spread throughout the attic, burning through the roof. Duncan's wife, Evelyn, 31, in running from the house to give an alarm, tripped over a stone and sprained her ankle. She was treated at Mercer Hospital.

A good part of the loss was due to water damage. The loss was reported covered by insurance. All three Ewing fire companies — West Trenton, Pennington Road and Prospect Heights — answered the alarm. The volunteer firemen were under the direction of Chief Paul Ross of West Trenton.

Sent To Hospital Frank Piscitello, 35, of Astoria, L. I., was sentenced to 18 months in the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital at Lexington, Ky., by Federal Judge Phillip Forman today.

day for using narcotics in violation of his probation. Piscitello was placed on five years probation and received a suspended sentence from Judge Forman on February 19, 1953 for helping to operate an illicit still in Somerset County. He will receive treatment for drug addiction at the hospital.

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