

Obituaries

Thomas E. Wilson, 77, Was Architect; Fighter Pilot During Korean War

Thomas E. Wilson, 77, formerly of Westfield, passed away peacefully last November 18. He was living in a military retirement center in Washington, D.C.

Born in Little Rock, Ark. and raised in Westfield, Tom attended Westfield High School, Class of 1946, where he was president of the junior class. He then attended Loomis Prep School in Connecticut.

He joined the Air Force when the Korean War broke out and became an outstanding fighter pilot in the 496th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. After attending the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in architecture, he moved to St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, where he practiced architecture from 1960 to 1989.

He designed multiple homes, condos and schools, and was involved in the design and construction of the University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix Campus, and the Governor Juan Luis Hospital.

After surviving Hurricane Hugo, he and his late wife, Judy Hunter

(formerly of Westfield), moved to Charlotte, N.C. Following the onset of multiple sclerosis, Tom moved to Knollwood, a home for retired military officers and spouses in Washington, D.C., where he lived his last years.

He will be dearly missed by his children, Kim, Tom and Valerie; his grandchildren, Carson, Alex, Debi, Keira and Keegan; his brothers, Jim Wilson and his wife, Shirley (Heitkamp, formerly of Westfield), of Menifee, Calif. and Bill Wilson (now living in St. Louis, Mo.), and an extended family of nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Army Distaff Foundation (in care of Knollwood, 6200 Oregon Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20015.) A memorial service will be held at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24, followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield at 3 p.m.

March 16, 2006

Lillian Sanborn, 85, Club President; Was Billing Department Supervisor

Lillian Barnett Sanborn, 85, of Westfield died on Friday, March 10, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Westfield for 51 years.

Mrs. Sanborn had worked as a supervisor in the billing department of the Jersey City Printing Company and then as a secretary with Vincents Construction Co. in Westfield until her retirement in 1988.

She was a communicant of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and the former president of the Commercial Thrift Club of Jersey City.

She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Walton Sanborn.

Surviving are two daughters, Joan Sanborn of Westfield and Barbara

Faurot of Darien, Conn.; two sisters, Estelle Ranlett of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada and Florence Neumann of South Plainfield, and a grandson.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 17, at St. Helen's Church. Interment will take place Monday, March 20, at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, 140 Shepherd Lane, Totowa, N.J. 07512.

March 16, 2006

Jessie F. Mackie, 90, Office Manager; Was Active In Presbyterian Church

Jessie F. Mackie, 90, of Washington Township died on Friday, March 10, at the home of her granddaughter.

Born in Paisley, Scotland on April 23, 1915, the daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth (Mc Murdo) Ferguson, she had lived most of her life in Westfield before moving to Washington Township 12 years ago.

Mrs. Mackie had worked as an office manager at the Croll-Reynolds Company in Westfield for more than 40 years, retiring in 1987.

A member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, she served with the Presbyterian Women, was a former deacon and was active with the women's circle, having served as a chairwoman for its sewing ministries. She also was involved with many Scottish organizations.

She was predeceased by her hus-

band, James Mackie, Sr., in 1981, and two grandchildren, Beth Ann Mackie, in 1990, and Brian Scott Mackie, in 1997.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kay Kansky of High Bridge, N.J.; a son, James Mackie, Jr. of Long Valley, N.J.; four grandchildren, Ms. Dayle Back of Washington Township, N.J., with whom she lived; Glenn Kansky of Washington, N.J.; Garry Kansky of High Bridge, N.J. and Paul Mackie of Long Beach Township, N.J., and three great-granddaughters, Tiffany, Kasey and Kelly.

A religious service was held on Monday, March 13, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield, with the Reverend Vicky Ney officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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HEALTHY HABITS...Brownie Troop No. 146 from Evergreen School in Scotch Plains earned their Healthy Habits badge during Dental Awareness Month in February. The girls learned the importance of keeping healthy by establishing good eating, hygiene and dental habits. Dr. Michael Dill, DMD, donated bags containing toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss.

Mothers' Center Posts Date For Annual Spring Sale

CRANFORD—The Mothers' Center of Central NJ will hold its semi-annual consignment sale on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at North and Forest Avenues in Cranford.

The sale will feature gently-used children's spring and summer clothing in sizes from newborn to children's 14. Other merchandise will include children's toys for all ages, videos, books, sports equipment, bicycles, strollers and other baby equipment.

The sale will be a cash-only event, with no strollers admitted. Anyone interested in consigning at this event is asked to leave a message at the center before Thursday, March 23, by calling (908) 561-1751.

Proceeds will benefit the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, a non-profit, nonsectarian organization founded in 1978 to provide friend-

ship and support for parents.

The group offers discussion groups, book clubs, morning and afternoon playgroups, library and referral resources, as well as special events. On-site babysitting is available for most daytime activities. New members are welcome at any time. For more information, please call (908) 561-1751 or visit www.westfieldnj.com/mccnj.

Nicholas Ellis Earns Dean's List Recognition

SCOTCH PLAINS—Nicholas Ellis of Scotch Plains earned Dean's Honor List recognition for the fall 2005 semester at Kean University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Nicholas, a sophomore, majors in Music Education. He is the son of Diane and Mike Ellis.

Flora O'Malley, 93, Registered Nurse; Kings Daughters Day Nursery Trustee

Flora Hansen O'Malley, 93, passed away on Tuesday, March 7, at the McCutchen Friends Home in North Plainfield.

Born Flora Gray Fraser in Aberdeen, Scotland, she had lived in Plainfield from 1936 to 1977, when she relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She moved to the McCutchen Friends Home in 1998.

A registered nurse, Mrs. O'Malley graduated from Leonia High School and the Englewood Hospital School of Nursing. While at Englewood Hospital, she met her first husband, Dr. Harry Hansen. Dr. Hansen was Chief of Pathology for 25 years at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield.

Mrs. O'Malley worked part-time for the Hospital Registry at Muhlenberg and volunteered at the hospital as a member of the Cottonwood Twig and with the Nearly New Shop of the Hospital Auxiliary.

She was a member of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield and the service circle of the Kings Daughters in Plainfield. She had also served as a trustee of the Kings Daughters Day Nursery and was a member and former treasurer

of the Plainfield Investment Group. She was predeceased by two husbands, Dr. Harry Hansen, in 1974, and Walter O'Malley, in 1982.

She will be lovingly remembered by her son, Peter Hansen, and his wife, Anne; her daughter, Barbara Ann Hansen; six grandchildren, Allison Leigh Heaney (Michael Ryan), Peter Heaney (Pam Knights), Elizabeth Jeanne Wyant (Timothy), Karen Barnes, Christine Grossi (John) and Jennifer Goodhart (Josh); 11 great-grandchildren and her sisters-in-law, Lela Fitzpatrick and Irma Herbst.

Flora was a caring and generous lady concerned with others and touched many lives.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 11, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to Haven Hospice, in care of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield, N.J. 07061.

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Antoinette Fahrman

Antoinette Gerwing Fahrman, 92, of Westfield died on Saturday, March 11, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Pomona, Calif., she moved to Westfield in 1956.

Mrs. Fahrman was active for many years as a Girl Scout leader and was a member of the Rosary Altar Society at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. She also was a long-time member of the Rotary Anns bowling team in Woodbridge.

She was predeceased by her husband, Minor Fahrman, in 1995.

Surviving are four daughters, Antoinette of Mountainside, Virginia of Basking Ridge, Carolyn of Clark and Margaret Potter of Westfield, and two granddaughters.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, March 15, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

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Mr. Jones to Speak Further On Outstanding Residents

WESTFIELD—Ralph Jones, former town Historian and a past president of the Westfield Historical Society, will present the second part of his slide/lecture program on "Outstanding Westfielders of the Last Two Centuries" on Friday, March 24.

The presentation will take place at the Westfield Historical Society's general meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

Mr. Jones will continue the program he first presented last May at the society's First Wednesday Luncheon, where he presented his list of Westfield residents who he believed qualified for the town's all-time Hall

of Fame. They are listed in two categories: Those who made a national/international impact and those who made an outstanding contribution to Westfield.

Mr. Jones became a member of the Westfield Historical Society in 1978. After serving as the society's president from 1983 to 1985, he served as town historian for several years, then as the society's archivist and curator. In 1998, he became the only non-founding member to be elected a Lifetime Trustee by the Westfield Historical Society.

Members of the public are invited to attend at no charge and light refreshments will be served at the end of the program.



OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO...Mrs. Ropar, playing the part of a beautiful butterfly, read "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, to Mrs. Wallin's Kindergarten class of Holy Trinity Interparochial School. During the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday, teachers and staff have been dressing up as characters from books and performing interactive stories as part of the Read across America celebration. Read Across America honors Dr. Seuss and helps promote literacy.



CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS...Students at School One in Scotch Plains celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a variety of activities. School One families observed "Read Across America Day" on March 2 by setting aside a structured at-home reading time; the entire school participated in a special DEAR time, when students had to "Drop Everything and Read"; upper grade level students partnered with early grades as "Class Reading Buddies"; and fourth graders sponsored daily "Book Trivia Riddles" based on Dr. Seuss's books. The culminating activity was "Hat Day," inspired by The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins. Pictured with their hats of choice are Paige Van Buskirk, Sabrina Canas, Kathryn Cunningham and Danielle Sontag.

Author's Lecture to Address Helping Siblings Get Along

WESTFIELD—On Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m., Westfield Cooperative Nursery School will offer a presentation by Dr. Eileen Kennedy-Moore on "Helping Siblings Get Along." The school is lo-

cated at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. An author, psychologist and mother of four, Dr. Kennedy-Moore will describe strategies for minimizing sibling squabbles, coping with unavoidable friction and helping brothers and sisters learn positive people skills. Admission will be free.

Managing Forests

Topic for Meeting

CHATHAM—Steven Yafat will give a National Sierra Club presentation on the latest developments in managing national forests on Wednesday, April 12 at The Library of the Chatham, 214 Main Street, Chatham.

Mr. Yafat address is entitled "Our National Forests and Their Enemies." The meeting will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information, please call (908) 354-2537.

'Light the Night' Walk On Tap In Westfield

WESTFIELD—Plans are under way for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Light the Night" Walk fundraiser that will take place for the first time in downtown Westfield on Saturday, May 6. All are invited to participate.

Walkers will carry flickering balloons. A special white balloon will identify cancer patients and survivors, while all other participants will carry a red balloon. Registration will be held at the Westfield Train Station's South Avenue entrance on the day of the event. Check-in will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the walk beginning at 7 p.m. Walkers will proceed through Mindowaskin Park and through the streets of downtown Westfield.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society raises money to fight leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. More than 76 percent of funds raised by the society are used to advance its mission.

Anyone wishing to organize a team of co-workers, family or friends; become a corporate or community sponsor or volunteer behind the scenes is asked to contact Kisha Achoe at the Northern New Jersey Chapter in Westfield at (908) 654-9445.

SPF-BOE Candidates Forum
Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the administrative offices at Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street.

Dr. Kennedy-Moore, a former Westfield resident, is the author of a new children's book entitled "What About Me? Twelve Ways To Get Your Parents' Attention Without Hitting Your Sister;" (Parenting Press) for ages three to eight. She also is co-author of a book for parents, "The Unwritten Rules of Friendship: Simple Strategies to Help Your Child Make Friends" (Little, Brown).

She also will appear at Barnes and Noble stores: in Clark on Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. and in Springfield on Thursday, May 4, at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call the school at (908) 233-4501 or visit www.eileenkennedymoore.com.

**Vote April 18
BOE Budget & Election**

College Club to Feature Program on N.J. Trivia

SCOTCH PLAINS—The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will present the program "New Jersey Trivia" on Monday, March 20. It will immediately follow the club's 7:30 p.m. meeting at Union Catholic High School, located at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

William Dunscombe will conduct the slide-lecture program focusing on New Jersey's history, standards, symbols and natural history. A series of questions will be posed, and, collectively, answers will be sought, with the slide presentation providing correct answers and information.

A lifelong New Jersey resident, Mr. Dunscombe is chairman of the Biology Department of Union County College and an entomologist. He originated the program on New Jersey trivia, which has been presented to many clubs, schools, historical societies and conservation groups.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the presentation free of charge. The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains provides scholarships for young women of high school and college age who reside in the community. For more information about the program, please call Carolyn Dittus at (908) 233-2948.

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