

Dorothy Sellers, 84, Devoted Volunteer; Was Great-Grandmother to Seven

Dorothy Regina Sellers (Yoerger), 84, formerly of Scotch Plains, died on Saturday, July 26, at her residence in Hendersonville, N.C.

Born on September 7, 1923 in Elizabeth, she was the daughter of the late John Francis Yoerger and Dorothy Elizabeth Knight.

Mrs. Sellers attended Batton High School, where she received the Batton B Award for outstanding citizenship.

In 1946, she married John C. Sellers and had six children - Tom, Jim, John, Paul, Kevin and Susan. They resided in Scotch Plains for 28 years, and Mrs. Sellers was an active member of the Rosary Society at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch

Plains. She also was a volunteer at the Scotch Plains Thrift Shop.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1997 and by one son, Tom, in 1968.

In addition to her five children, she is survived by 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, located on South Martine Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mrs. Seller's memory to: Four Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, 571 S. Allen Road, Flat Rock, N.C. 28731 or to The Council on Aging, 105 King Creek Boulevard, Hendersonville, N.C. 28792.



Dorothy Sellers

John E. Wilder, WF Resident Since 1953; Worked for Western Electric

John E. Wilder died on Monday, August 4, at The Francis E. Parker Memorial Home in New Brunswick.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he had resided in Westfield since 1953.

Mr. Wilder was a graduate of Manhattan College, obtaining a degree in electrical engineering. At the outbreak of World War II, he attended the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

He later received his commission and rose to the rank of lieutenant. Mr. Wilder received advanced training at Bowdoin College and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in radar and electronic warfare before serving in the South Pacific.

He worked 40 years at Western Electric and the Bell System, where he was a project manager on the DEW line, an early-warning radar system in Canada and Alaska. He also assisted on the White Alice project, which was the Air Force communications network.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Anne Wilder; two sons, Edwin and Robert Wilder; his daughter, Adrienne Reid; his sister, Margaret Davies, and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held tomorrow, Friday, August 8, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad.

August 7, 2008

Virginia Taylor, 93

Virginia "Ginny" Taylor, 93, a former Westfield resident, died Tuesday, July 29, at her home in the Chapel Pointe at Carlisle, located in Carlisle, Pa.

Born December 1, 1914 in Westfield, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Emma Wittke Taylor. She was a graduate of Westfield High School in 1932 and Montclair State Teachers College in 1936. She was a teacher for 41 years, 32 of them in New Providence.

Miss Taylor was a Sunday school teacher and an organist at many churches throughout her life. At Chapel Pointe, she was a member of the Chapel Choir and attended the women's prayer group.

She is survived by a brother, Charles Taylor of Midlothian, Va.; three nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 2, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Burial was held in Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Chapel Pointe Benevolent Fund, 770 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, Pa. 17013.

August 7, 2008

Obituaries

Jerome Truppa, 69, Was Avid Golfer; Loved Spending Time with his Family

Jerome Vincent Truppa, 69, passed away on Sunday, August 3, at the JFK Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born in Rahway, he resided in Piscataway before moving to High Bridge in 2006.

Mr. Truppa was a former sales representative for Sheridan Books.

He was an active athlete, playing baseball and basketball for Rahway High School, where he graduated from in 1957.

While working and raising a family, Jerry attended college part-time, graduating from Rutgers University in 1972.

He was active in the community, from coaching girls softball, teaching religious education at Our Lady of Fatima Church to being involved with the Piscataway Superchief Band from 1977 to 1985 as a chaperone and as a past president of the Band Parent Association.

He enjoyed playing golf, although his favorite pastime was spending time with his family, especially at his villa in Hilton Head, S.C.

And whether he was playing catch with his grandchildren or sitting and talking with his daughters and wife, he was happy.

Mr. Truppa was predeceased by his first wife, Karen Truppa, who passed away in 2004.

Surviving are his wife, Joi Truppa, of High Bridge; his daughters, Lisa Truppa-Gerickont and husband Steven of Piscataway; Donna Maher and husband Jim of Westfield and Nina Schwab and husband Bill of Washington Township; his brothers, Robert Truppa and wife Judi of Forked River, James Truppa and wife Joanne of Rahway and Thomas Truppa and wife Susan of Berkeley Heights; his sisters, Rose Marie

Zerrenner and husband Ernie of Wilmington, Del.; his grandchildren, Jake and Nicholas Maher of Westfield and Brandon and Brianna Schwab of Washington Township; his brother-in-law, William O'Neil and wife Kathy of Naples, Fla.; his sister-in-law, Jean O'Neil of Collierville, Tenn. and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will begin today, Thursday, August 7, at 9 a.m. from the Piscataway Funeral Home, 18 Stelton Road, followed by a 10 a.m. funeral liturgy at the Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church in Middlesex.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Rahway. Visitation hours were Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

To send your condolences to the Truppa family, please visit: piscatawayfuneralhome.com.

August 7, 2008

John A. Vogel, 94

John A. Vogel, 94, died Tuesday, July 29, at his home in Mountainside.

He was born in Schenectady, N.Y., and resided in Union before moving to Mountainside 57 years ago.

He was employed for 19 years as an industrial engineer for Thermionics in Plainfield. He then became a self-employed tool and dye maker and retired at the age of 93.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lillian, brother Frank Shuster and a granddaughter, as well as a son- and daughter-in-law.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 1, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

August 7, 2008

County Needs Volunteers For 'Adopt-a-Park' Training

COUNTY — For people who love the outdoors and have a little time to spare, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal offer opportunities for park users to learn new skills, meet new people and feel a sense of accomplishment during the upcoming "Adopt-a-Park" Training Days.

Participants will learn about invasive plants and why they must be managed. They also will learn appropriate removal techniques and other skills during hands-on training at various Union County parks.

The training sites in August will include Passaic River Park in Berkeley Heights and Mattano Park in Elizabeth.

"With more than 35 parks to manage, the Department of Parks and Community Renewal relies on partnerships and stewardship to help maintain 6,600 acres of public parkland," said Freeholder Rick Proctor, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

"The Adopt-a-Park Program is a great opportunity for volunteers to work together for the benefit of the parks throughout Union County."

Today, August 7, training will take place at Passaic River Park, a beautiful floodplain park in Berkeley Heights. Stewards-in-training will work to remove invasive phragmites, multiflora rose and Japanese knotweed and prune vegetation growing into the trail bed.

On Thursday, August 14, trainees will work at Mattano Park in Elizabeth to remove phragmites, Japanese knotweed and mugwort. This work will continue the efforts of other groups to meet the goals of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service "Partners for Wildlife" grant-funded project.

Thanks to assistance from Union County United Way, Groundwork Elizabeth and the Morris Land Conservancy, the Union County Adopt-a-Park Program has participants from many local corporate and non-profit groups, including Merck, Schering-Plough, Martindale-Hubbe, Lexis-Nexis, Motorola, Banco Popular, Summer of Service, Elizabeth High School, Plainfield and Elizabeth Youth Corps, the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission, scouting groups, youth

groups and many others.

While the efforts of these and other groups are invaluable, they are usually one-day affairs. Adoption of sites on a quarterly or annual basis is vital to the success of such projects.

Following each training session, participants will learn how they can adopt a park of their choosing and work at a day and time convenient to their personal schedule.

All training sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:15 p.m. Tools, gloves and bags will be provided, but participants can bring their own. These training events are held rain or shine, so dress accordingly and wear sturdy shoes or boots.

Registration is required for each of the above-mentioned training events.

Call Linda Brazaitis during the week at (908) 659-7464 or e-mail at lbrazaitis@ucnj.org. For more information about Union County Adopt-a-Park visit: ucnj.org/parks/adoptpark.html.

Governor Corzine Signs Legislation

TRENTON — Governor Jon Corzine on Tuesday signed the following bills into law:

S-632/A-2329 - Designates Route 9 in Cape May County as "Police Unity Tour Memorial Highway."

S-1390/ACS for A-1796 (sponsored by Senator Tom Kean, Jr.), revises statutes concerning abandoned vessels to include sunken vessels; authorizes certain entities to remove abandoned vessels.

S-1696/A-2708 - Requires Department of Human Services to verify income of applicants for Medicaid and New Jersey FamilyCare with Department of the Treasury records.

A-1559/S-1788 - authorizes municipal planning boards to adopt green buildings and environmental sustainability municipal master plan element.

A-2147/S-1547 (sponsored by Assemblyman Jon Bramnick) - removes maximum price limitation for sale of certain tickets of admission to places of entertainment.

A-2440/S-656 - Permits qualified trustees to hold interest in alcoholic beverage license for qualified beneficiary under the age of 18.



MEMORIAM...The Rake and Hoe Garden Club has created a new award in honor of Life Member Kay Cross. The Kay Cross Award will be presented each year to a club member who has exemplified excellence in floral shows, workshops or design. Pictured, from left to right, are: Rake and Hoe President Nancy Smith, Kay Cross and Awards Chairman Diana Kazakis.

Scotch Plains Acorn Center Appoints New Director, Morris

SCOTCH PLAINS — Acorn Early Learning Center on Terrill Road in Scotch Plains announced it has appointed Ellen Morris as its new director and has completed an extensive upgrade program to address the community's needs for a safe, affordable, nurturing preschool and daycare.



IN A NUTSHELL...Ellen Morris was named the new director of the Acorn Early Learning Center, which has undergone a facility upgrade. Mrs. Morris brings 16 years of daycare experience to the center.

"The facility is beautiful - safe and clean, a wonderful place for preschoolers to learn and grow," said Mrs. Morris. "The church provides a warm, nurturing environment."

Mrs. Morris and her staff of experienced daycare professionals have created age-appropriate activities that include stories, music and art.

"Children learn through play," she said. "Our job is to gently direct them into activities that keep them engaged,

stimulated and learning about the world around them. When they leave here they'll be well prepared for kindergarten."

Formerly privately owned, Acorn Early Learning Center is now owned and operated by the First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains.

"Families of other faith backgrounds are welcome, of course, and differing beliefs are respected," Pastor Daniel Ju said. "We will simply

carry out our mission as a Christian daycare/preschool, striving to nurture and support our children with love and the attentive care of a professional staff."

The school will be holding open house on Saturday, August 9, from 9-11 a.m. and on Thursday, August 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

SP Senior Committee Sponsors Trip to UN

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will sponsor a trip to the United Nations on Wednesday, September 10.

There will be a guided tour of the General Assembly and a view of the changing exhibits of art, photography and sculpture highlighting issues of the world faced before the UN.

For many who have never visited this unique facility, they will have the opportunity to view gifts that member states have presented to the organization and to learn about peace-keeping operations and disarmament.

After the tour has been completed, the group will enjoy a spectacular buffet in the Delegate's Dining Room. The meal will feature familiar and exotic foods from member nations, all prepared by talented chefs.

Registration must be made in the Scotch Plains Recreation Department, Room 113 of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, starting Tuesday, August 12, for residents and Tuesday, August 19, for non-residents.

The cost of the tour and luncheon will be \$36 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. For more information, call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 221, or (908) 889-2084.

The May Family Welcomes Son, Henry

Gregory and Brooke May of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Henry James May, on Friday, July 18, at 5:25 a.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Henry weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are James and Susan Jacobs of Rochester, N.Y.

Kenneth and Sally May of Westfield are his paternal grandparents.

Henry's maternal great-grandmother is Alice Zangerle of Geneseo, N.Y.

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