

William Stephens, 49, Printing Executive; Scoutmaster of Troop in Scotch Plains

William "Bill" Stephens, 49, died on Tuesday, September 21, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Charlotte, N.C., he lived in Mansfield, Mass. and Tampa, Fla., before moving to Scotch Plains in 1979.

Mr. Stephens was the principal of Cluff Associates in Scotch Plains, a printing distributor company, for the past 20 years.

He was a member of Data Processing Management Associates' national organization.

Mr. Stephens was a past Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 203 of Scotch Plains, past soccer coach for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association and a member of the St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Softball League in Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by his father, William P. Stephens, in 1991.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Joan Cluff Stephens; a son, William

Charles Stephens, Jr. of Scotch Plains; his mother, Dorothy Milz Stephens of Sun City West, Ariz.; and three sisters, Donna M. Bukley of Attleboro, Mass., Linda J. Dauphinais of Phoenix, Ariz., and Nancy L. Rounds of Forest Lakes, Minn.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 25, in the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 200 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, 08873 or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5160, Kendall Park, 08824-5160.

September 30, 1999

Nicholas A. Chupko, 69

Nicholas A. Chupko, 69, of South Plainfield died on Friday, September 24, at home.

Born in Johnstown, Pa., he had lived in Dunellen before moving to South Plainfield 44 years ago.

Mr. Chupko had been a Realtor at Frank Chupko Real Estate in Watchung for 40 years before retiring in 1995, and was a member of the Somerset County Board of Realtors.

He was a member of the Holy Ghost Carpatho Russian Orthodox Church in Manville and served as Secretary for the church for many years.

He was predeceased by his wife, Carol Andrews Chupko, and his grandson, Christian DeRose, both in 1992, and by his daughter, Vicki Bell, in 1998.

Surviving are a son, Nicholas A. Chupko, Jr. of South Plainfield; a brother, Frank Chupko of Scotch Plains; two sisters, Margaret Furda of Colonia and Betty Koslin of Johnstown, Pa., and a granddaughter.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 28, at the Holy Ghost Church. Burial took place at the Holy Ghost Church Cemetery, also in Manville.

Arrangements were handled by the James W. Conroy Funeral Home in South Plainfield.

September 30, 1999

Marion E. Zagari

Marion E. Zagari of Broomfield, Colo., died on Friday, September 24. She was predeceased by her husband, Dominic Zagari, and a son, Donald Zagari.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth Zagari of New Jersey and Kevin Zagari of Broomfield; two daughters, JoAnn Nikovics of Minnesota and Karen Gustafson of Arvada; a sister, Jean Wendell of Broomfield and two brothers, Fred DeFazio of Westfield and Warren DeFazio of Lady Lake, Fla.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered today, Thursday, September 30, at 1 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary, with entombment to take place at the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2255 South Oneida, Denver, Colo. 80224 or to the Hospice of St. John, 1320 Everett Court, Lakewood, Colo. 80215.

September 30, 1999

William N. Sortor, 89, Branch Manager At Area Bank; Army Air Force Veteran

William N. Sortor, 89, of Springdale, Ohio died on April 11 at Maple Knoll Village in Springdale.

Born in Westfield in 1910, he lived in the Pocono Mountains and Newport Richie, Fla., before moving to Springdale.

Mr. Sortor began his career in banking with the Peoples Bank & Trust Company, which later merged with National State Bank. He was a Vice President of the bank and Branch Manager of the Westfield office for many years.

He had graduated from Westfield High School in 1928. He was an alumnus of New York University.

He was a World War II veteran with the Army Air Force.

Mr. Sortor was a member of the Lions Club of Westfield and the Westfield YMCA.

He was a communicant of the First Baptist Church in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ross Sortor of Cincinnati, Ohio; his daughter, Elizabeth Prast; his son, Ross Sortor, two sisters, Gladys Crow and Hazel Coster; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were held on April 25 at Maple Knoll Village Chapel in Springdale.

Arrangements were handled by Vorhis Funeral Home of Lockland, Ohio.

September 23, 1999

David Palmer, 53

David Palmer, 53, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, September 21, at home.

Born in Philadelphia, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains five years ago.

Mr. Palmer was a 1964 graduate of Westfield High School and a 1968 graduate of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

He was predeceased by his mother, Frances Embry Palmer.

Surviving are his father, E. Marshall Palmer of Westfield, and two brothers, Stephen E. Palmer of Albany, Calif., and Robert O. Palmer of Boonton.

Services and interment are private.

Arrangements were handled by The Mundy Funeral Home in Dunellen.

Memorial donations may be made to the Plainfield Friends Quaker Meeting, in care of Dorothea Hoffman, 4 Cowperthwaite Square, Westfield.

September 30, 1999

Obituaries

Joseph A. Grasso, 85, Army Veteran; Was Owner of Bandstand Music Store

Joseph A. Grasso, 85, of Fanwood died on Monday, September 27, in Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Born and raised in Newark, he moved to Fanwood 37 years ago.

Mr. Grasso had been the owner of the Bandstand Music Store in Westfield for more than 40 years, where he sold musical instruments and gave music lessons, before retiring in 1997.

He played the saxophone, flute and clarinet with the Ray Deveilla Band, and was a member of the Musicians' Union Local No. 151 in the Union County area.

Mr. Grasso served in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant during World War II, and also played in the band.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years,

Marie Reale Grasso; a son, Anthony Grasso; a daughter, Mary Jo Myszk; three sisters, Florence Bruno, Elizabeth Snipes and Mary Laursen; a brother, Pat Grasso, and four grandchildren.

Visitation is today, Thursday, September 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered tomorrow, Friday, October 1, at 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Burial will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fanwood Fire Department or to the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad.

September 30, 1999

Dr. Frank F. Kaiser, Jr., Was Air Force Veteran; General Surgeon in Westfield

Dr. Frank F. Kaiser, Jr. of Westfield died on Sunday, September 26, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Peekskill, N.Y., he lived in Westfield since 1959.

Dr. Kaiser had been a general surgeon for the Westfield Medical Group for 25 years before retiring in 1985.

He graduated from the New York University School of Medicine in 1948.

He served in the United States Air Force Medical Corps from 1951 until being honorably discharged in 1953 with the rank of Captain.

Dr. Kaiser was a member of the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Surviving is his wife of 49 years, Margaret C. Kaiser; a son, Frank F.

Kaiser, 3rd of Fanwood; two daughters, Margaret E. Kaiser of Westfield and Susan C. K. McBride of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Claire Kennedy of New City, N.Y. and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held yesterday, Wednesday, September 29, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery, also in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterston Street, Westfield, 07090.

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

September 30, 1999

Doris H. Schultze, 86, Former Teacher At Featherbed Lane School in Clark

Doris H. Schultze, 86, of Mountaineer died on Sunday, September 26, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Mountaineer in 1963.

Mrs. Schultze had been a teacher for the Featherbed Lane School in Clark for 20 years before retiring in 1978.

She earned her teaching creden-

tials at Newark State Teachers College in Union.

Surviving are two sons, William E. Schultze and Arthur A. Schultze; a brother, Sidney C. Howell, and three grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday, Wednesday, September 29, at the August F. Schmidt Memorial Funeral Home in Elizabeth.

September 30, 1999

Jacques Lederman, 84, Had Law Practice; Was Campaign Manager for Eisenhower

Jacques Lederman, 84, of Monmouth Beach died on Thursday, September 16, in Long Branch.

Margaret Bryson Finn, 83

Margaret Bryson Finn, 83, of Berkeley Heights died Wednesday, September 22, at Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, she had lived in Westfield for many years before moving to Berkeley Heights.

Mrs. Finn was a member of the Westfield Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Finn, in 1969.

Surviving are two sons, James Finn of Morristown and Leslie Finn of South Carolina; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 25, in the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, Westfield.

September 30, 1999

Michael Cantillo, 79, Army Veteran; Had Been Construction Supervisor

Michael Cantillo, 79, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, September 25, at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in Elizabeth, he moved to Scotch Plains 51 years ago.

Mr. Cantillo had been a construction superintendent for the Blanchard Construction Company in Millburn, where he worked for over 30 years before retiring in 1983.

He was a United States Army veteran, having achieved the rank of Sergeant during World War II.

Mr. Cantillo was a member of the Gran Centurians in Clark.

He was predeceased by his wife, Pauline Sciarpettetti Cantillo, in 1998.

Surviving are two sisters, Frances Renda of Elizabeth and Josephine Venezia of Brick; three nephews and five nieces.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 28, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment was at Rosedale Memorial Park in Linden.

September 30, 1999

Charles Powell, 64, Broadcast Engineer; Worked in Civil Defense During 1960s

Charles W. Powell, 64, of Fanwood died on Monday, September 27, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Lynch, Ky., he had lived in Illinois and Cranford before moving to Fanwood in 1979.

Mr. Powell had been a broadcast engineer with the American Broadcasting Company in New York City for 20 years before retiring in 1993.

In the early 1960s, he had been the Director of Civil Defense in Rantoul, Ill.

He was a graduate of Southern Illinois College.

Mr. Powell was a member of the National Association of Broadcasters and was also active with the Friends of Bill W., the American Motorcycle Association and the Religious Society of Friends Summit Monthly Meeting.

He was a 50-year member of the Amateur Radio Association of America and an honorary Kentucky colonel.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Mark Powell and David Powell; a daughter, Kathryn Ann Scott; his mother, Ina Powell; a sister, Billie Jean Sparrow; five grandchildren and his fiancée, Elizabeth P. Taylor.

Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, September 30, at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue in Cranford.

September 30, 1999

Henry Townsend, 3rd

Henry P. Townsend, 3rd, 49, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died on Friday, September 17, in Westfield.

He worked for many years for Townsend Moving Company in Westfield, a family-owned business. Surviving are a brother, Casey Townsend, and two sisters, Debra Mehaffey and Judy Townsend.

Private services were arranged by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity.

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BIKES FOR A CAUSE... Westfield Rotary Club members have arranged to conduct another used bicycle collection to benefit "Pedals for Progress." The event will take place on Saturday, October 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westfield Board of Education parking lot at Walnut and Elm Streets in Westfield. The bikes will be shipped to developing countries and distributed to needy persons as a means of transportation. Rotarians who are organizing the collection were photographed at last week's Rotary meeting. Pictured, left to right, are: Mark Swingle, Darryl Walker, Marshall Palmer, Warren Rorden, President Dr. William B. Bonsall and Past President Dr. D. Michael Hart.

'Pedals for Progress' Drive Announced By Rotary Club

WESTFIELD — The Rotary Club of Westfield has announced its third collection of used bicycles on behalf of the "Pedals for Progress" organization which ships container loads of these items to developing countries.

On arrival at destination, the bicycles are refurbished and distributed at low cost to needy families as a reliable means of transportation.

High Bridge-based "Pedals for Progress" President, David Schweidenback, reported that 30,000 bicycles have been shipped since 1991 and that volume continues to grow. In 1998 alone, 6,300 units were shipped overseas and 4,200 bicycles were shipped to nine countries in the first six months of 1999.

Donation of a bicycle is a form of service, providing the American public with a cost-efficient means of reducing waste, assisting others and providing a useful item to needy per-

sons in developing regions of the world.

Collection organizer Warren Rorden urges anyone with adult or children's bicycles in repairable condition to donate same to this cause. A goal of 130 bicycles has been set. Donations to defray part of the shipping costs are also encouraged in the amount of \$10 per bicycle.

All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible, receipts will be available to all donors at the collection site.

In addition to bicycles, "Pedals for Progress" now ships domestic sewing machines, baseball equipment and soccer cleats which have served their purposes and would be useful in developing countries. All donations will be received at the Westfield Board of Education parking lot, Walnut and Elm Streets, Westfield, on Saturday, October 16, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

League's Thrift Shop Sets Halloween Shopping Spree

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains will kick off its Halloween Shopping Spree on Tuesday, October 5.

Items for costume making have

Recreation Commission To Sponsor Trip To Radio City in N.Y.

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Recreation Commission will sponsor a trip to the 8 p.m. Thursday, December 2 performance of the 1999 Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show.

The cost for transportation and ticket admission is \$60 per person. The bus will leave from the Westfield Municipal Building Parking Lot, 425 East Broad Street, at 5:30 p.m. and return approximately at 11 p.m.

For further information, please call the Westfield Recreation Department at (908) 789-4085.

been received from shop volunteers during the year, as well as complete costumes for the entire family.

Princess, Cinderella, military and "scary" costumes are available for boys and girls of all ages. Furs, tuxedos and bridal gowns are also available for adult costume making.

A selection of seasonal clothes for infants, toddlers, boys and girls is available at the shop, as well as a separate cabinet of collectibles, antiques costume jewelry and household items.

The Thrift Shop is located at 1730 East Second Street, at the corner of Willow Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Shop hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donations are received each day until noon.

For more information, please call the shop's hotline at (908) 322-5420.

Women for Women Slates Workshop on Child's Play

WESTFIELD — Women for Women of Union County will offer a community workshop, "The Power of Children's Play," on Thursday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street.

The meeting will feature a presentation by licensed psychologist Dr. Diane Schupp.

Dr. Schupp's segment will explore the beginnings of parent-child play and the importance of continued play interaction through childhood to adulthood.

It will also consider the ways in which play is an important mechanism through which children learn to cope and relate, as well as for strengthening physical and mental skills, judgment,

confidence and social bonds that contribute to personal success in later life.

Dr. Schupp holds a graduate degree from Teacher's College at Columbia University and from Fordham University. She is in private practice in Westfield.

Women for Women of Union County, headquartered at 511 North Avenue in Garwood, is a non-profit agency offering short-term, low cost individual counseling and self-help support groups for women undergoing transitional or developmental crises in their lives.

Membership and community participation help keep its services thriving. For information on membership or programs, please call (908) 232-5787.

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