

## WCSC officers are introduced

The Women's Christian Service Council of the Syracuse Church of God met in the fellowship hall of the church on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

The newly installed president, Jackie Plikerd, opened the meeting with the WCSC Prayer and welcomed the 13 ladies in attendance to the first meeting of the new WCSC year.

Mrs. Plikerd informed the

group the theme for the coming year is "Showers of Blessings," taking from Ezekiel 34:26. The new officers were introduced. They are:

Vice president — Janet Elam  
Secretary — Terri Newcomer  
Treasurer — Joella Johnson  
Committee chairwomen and members were announced as follows:

Spiritual life — Katherine Hilschman, Brenda Vanlaningham and Dorothy Wagner  
Stewardship — Pauline Firestone, Donna Jackson, and Joella Johnson  
Missions — Gwen Williams, Donna Wolfe and Rhudel Yeager

Promotion and publicity — Nancy Coy, Treva Plank and Cindy Robertson

The treasurer's report was given. Roll call was answered by sharing a special blessing of the past year and minutes from the September meeting were read.

Mrs. Plikerd announced for the coming year, meetings will be conducted in the church. However, there will be a different hostess each month, as in the past. Babysitters will be provided for those who must take young children.

Other announcements include the fact the group will be trying a Big Sister-Little Sister program for any new members coming in to the group. Also, a list of money-making projects was read with the Silent Auction to be conducted at the November meeting, being emphasized.

The program, "Showers of Blessings," was given by the president and the meeting was

closed with prayer by Mrs. Firestone.

Secret Pal gifts were exchanged, with names being revealed. New names were drawn for the coming year.

Mrs. Williams asked the blessing on the food, and refreshments were served by the officers.

## Rediscover treasures you can share

Know your country's stamps, and you own a special window on the history and culture of the nation. That makes rediscovering the treasure of an old stamp collection and sharing it with your children especially attractive.

U.S. postage stamps illustrate nearly every facet of the country's history, national character and achievements. And, the vast majority of these stamps — even some a century old — can be purchased in used condition for pennies.

During National Stamp Collecting Month, October 1-31, the U.S. Postal Service and the Council of Philatelic Organizations are suggesting that stamp collecting can be an exciting, but inexpensive, family activity.

If you collected stamps, dig the album out of the closet or attic and share it with your children. The odds are that you will find yourself in a personal trivia game, rekindling old curiosity about the events and places depicted on the stamps.

You will also be giving your children or other young friends a lifetime hobby and a virtually painless way to learn more about the nation's history, culture and people. (Who was Scott Joplin? Why was his music called Ragtime? Who was Walt Disney? Surely you know about Mickey Mouse.)

You don't, of course, need an old collection to get kids (or yourself) interested in stamp collecting. The Council of Philatelic Organizations will send you a free booklet, *Introduction to Stamp Collecting*, if you write COPO, Box COPO, State College, PA 16803-8340.

### A choice

Education is largely a matter of choosing one's company wisely, and listening in silence.

## Warm weather in September

September weather was warmer than average for the area, says Goshen College Weather Observer, Lores Steury. The average temperature is 63.2 degrees, we averaged 65.1 degrees. The warmest September day was the seventh with 92 degrees; the coolest on Sept. 25, with 38 degrees.

Precipitation for the month measured 3.53 inches compared to a norm of 3.22 inches. Sept. 9 measured the most with 1.74 inches. Accumulation from January 1-October 1, equaled 29.25 inches. The normal for the same period averages 26.11.

There were nine clear days in September, 13 partly cloudy, and eight cloudy.

## Irwin found guilty

A 12-member jury found Barbara Ann Irwin, 34, 321 N. Union St., Warsaw, guilty of reckless homicide, and criminal recklessness after five hours of deliberation Tuesday, Oct. 8. She was also found not guilty on a charge of neglect of a dependent. Sentencing has been scheduled for November 7 in Kosciusko Superior Court.

Mrs. Irwin, a former Faith Assembly member, was indicted in December by a Kosciusko County Grand Jury on the three charges following the death of her son, Joseph Irwin, 5½, who died November 21, 1984, of untreated pneumonia in the Irwin residence. Mrs. Irwin was a member of Faith Assembly at the time of the child's death.

The trial began Monday and included the testimony of Mrs. Irwin; Dr. Patricia Newhouse, who performed the autopsy; and Kosciusko County Police Detective Sgt. Tom Kitch. Mrs. Irwin gave a 30-minute testimony which included the events of the day her child died. She also stated she quite attending the Faith Assembly in July after realizing that some of the teachings wouldn't allow her to believe anything else. She has since been attending the Full Gospel Christian Assembly, Warsaw and filed for legal separation from her husband Jeffery L. Irwin on September 4, in Kosciusko Circuit Court.

Dr. Newhouse testified the infant would have survived with medical treatment and explained she performed culture tests on the infant during the November 22, 1984, autopsy. She also noted the baby was dehydrated, eyes sunken and skin loose with both lungs full of pneumonia. Dr. Newhouse added there were indications leading her to believe there were several attempts by the mother to resuscitate the baby, adding the child had been dead approximately 24 hours before it was reported to local authorities.

The 12-member jury consisted of seven men and five women from the communities of Warsaw, Claypool, Etna Green, Leesburg, and Mentone.

Max Reed was appointed as Mrs. Irwin's stand-by counsel in December and in August asked the court to appoint an attorney to represent her. Judge Robert Burner granted the motion and named Reed to defend her.

## Wheels for Life sponsors sought

Riders for the Saturday, Oct. 12, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels for Life Bike-a-thon are asking Milford citizens to pledge a contribution for each mile they ride.

"Every mile our bikers go earns money, bringing us closer to a cure for cancer. The life-saving study of childhood cancer at St. Jude's has become critical to children all over the world," stated Bike-a-thon chairman, Bill Little.

"Let's show we care. Help this cause," Little said. "Your generous pledges encourage riders. After the event, help them get the money to us quickly."

The ride starts at the Milford Junior High track at 10 a.m. "If you haven't been asked to sponsor a rider but are interested, please call 658-9468 and a rider will contact you," Little said.

"Each rider gets a lap card at registration," Little said. "Every time riders pass the checkpoints we initial the card. At the end of the ride we check and sign the card to show that the rider earned what the sponsor pledged. Riders return to their sponsors to collect the pledges."

New volunteers signed up since last week are assistants Kelly Brooks, Rhonda Stookey and Bobbi Stookey. Riders can still get sponsor/registration forms at Little and Clark, Inc.

### Oil Market

VIENNA, AUSTRIA — World oil markets appeared calm after an OPEC meeting broke up without agreement on a defense of prices and an analysts said there was little the exporting nations could do to prevent a continued price drop.

## United Way topic for Rotary

Don Bergen, fund drive chairman for the United Way Fund Drive in 1985, was the guest speaker at the Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Club luncheon meeting Tuesday, Oct. 8. Col. Joe Gray introduced Bergen and Jerry Landrum, executive director of Youth For Christ. Landrum presented a slide presentation to coincide with Bergen's presentation.

"Lift Someone's Spirit — The United Way," is the slogan for this year's drive. Bergen emphasized the United Way is not only a fund raising organization but also a volunteer group with many of its members also in the volunteer programs in their community. There are some 200 to 300 volunteers in the campaign.

He said there are 21 agencies now in the United Way program, one new group, the Mental Health Association in Kosciusko County, having been taken on as a provisional member agency this year. He also said that the Home Health Care organization wishes to remain as an agency even though at present it does not need financial help, which has been provided in the past. This generous gesture allows the United Way to provide additional funding, where needed, to other agencies.

At present the fund drive has reached approximately 60 percent of its goal of \$450,000. Many large donations are in as are the pace setter groups and some industrial contributions. Bergen stated the smaller groups and individual gifts are still needed in order to reach the goal and asked that everyone make a contribution within his or her capabilities.

The Rotary Club was shown a slide presentation on the work done by the United Way of Kosciusko County through its

member agencies. The program was completed with a question period and a contribution drive within the club.



PROMOTING UNITED WAY FUND DRIVE — Don Bergen, United Way Fund Drive chairman for Kosciusko County, was present at the Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Club's Tuesday noon meeting. Bergen presented the operation of United Way and how it not only is a fund raising organization but a volunteer group with many of its members in volunteer programs within the county.

Bergen and Jerry Landrum, presented a slide presentation on the work done by the United Way of Kosciusko County through its member agencies. Landrum is executive director of Youth For Christ. (Photo by Col. Joe Gray)

## Atwood area residents win

clearance to review six points relative to the case since he had not been present at the previous meeting.

In rebuttal, Helm said his opponent had used people numbers and innuendos to combat his client's case while Egolf had done as directed by the BZA and gone out to get facts in the case.

The board voted unanimously to deny the petition.

The petition of George Kellogg to put an addition on an existing garage 17 feet off the road to extend the garage size to 1,508 square feet in an area where the limit on accessory use is 864 feet was denied. The Kellogg property is located in Turkey Creek Township.

The petition of Terrell D. Runkle for a variance to permit construction of a residence 16 feet off the roadway, five feet from the side property line and 28 feet from the water was tabled by the board. The property is located on the south side of Lake View Ave. on the southeast side of Big Chapman Lake in Plain Twp.

Donnie Adams' petition for an exception for the purpose of construction of an accessory building on a lot with no principal structure with the stipulation that he ties the properties together in a common deed so they cannot be sold separately. The property is located on the west side of Palestine Lake in Seward Township.

Robert Miller received approval for a variance to permit the construction of a residence addition (porch) 14 feet, 8 inches off the road right-of-way. The property is located on the west side of SR 13A in Turkey Creek Township.

The petition of Ray Butler was approved for a variance to permit construction of a garage 10 feet off the road right-of-way in Turkey Creek Township.

The board approved the petition of the Pierceton Park Board to allow construction of a 24 feet by 30 feet park pavilion on the south side of Main Street in Washington Township.

Jim Derry received approval for a variance to permit construction of a garage 5 feet off the roadway. His property is on the west side of Stoneburner Road in Plain Township.

Jon and Susan Maier were granted an exception to allow an accessory use on a lot in Turkey Creek Township without a principal structure. They also received

ed a variance to increase the size of the garage to 40 by 28 feet.

Desra Bradford received an exception for the purpose of placing a home operation (beauty shop) in an agricultural district. The property is located on the west side of CR 700W in Seward Township.

The petition of Allen Roush for a variance to permit construction of a garage 10 feet from the roadway on the east side of Gunter Road south of Eight Square Road in Plain Township.

Sam Leman was granted an exception to place a single family dwelling in a commercial district. The property is located on the southeast side of CR 775E southwest of Cherokee Road in Turkey Creek Township.

The petition of William McMahan for a variance was denied. He had planned to place two storage buildings three inches off his side property line on the north side of Marine Key Drive, 250 ft. northeast of old SR 8 in Turkey Creek Township.

## Bids opened for sewer system improvements

The Milford Town Board opened sealed bids for the sewer system improvement project on Monday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m. in the community building.

The board received bids from Haskins, Inc., Plymouth; Smith Excavating and Concrete, Inc., Warsaw; and Beer and Slabaugh, Inc., Nappanee. The bids, which are currently being evaluated by Robert J. Noble, chief sanitary engineer of Lawson-Fisher Associates, South Bend, are as follows:

Haskins, Inc., \$85,717 total, with \$1.70 deductible per foot of pipe if plastic is used; Smith Excavating and Concrete, Inc., \$118,428 total, with \$3.00 per foot deductible for plastic pipe; and Beer and Slabaugh, Inc., \$115,139.60 total, with \$1.00 per foot deductible for plastic pipe.

Noble will write a letter to the board giving his recommendation regarding which firm should be contracted for the service, which involves extending current sewer lines to Barth Industries. The board will make its decision at its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

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