

WEST PENN 99ERS
MARCH 1994

ISSUE #102
FOR THE RECORD

BY FRANK N. ZIC

Mickey started the March meeting at 7:14PM WOW! She thanked John Whelan for his fine efforts on his new system of filing the disk library. With a big assist to get started from Mickey, he was able to show us what programs he used and the results he achieved. The library presently consists of 6 boxes with 386 disks. All disks are cross-indexed by several categories. The printed out listing is well done and easy to use. Nice job, John, but you better watch out with telling jokes. Never outdo the boss. It may not be hard to do but it is very unwise. Heard that little saying on a Roy Clark tape.

Lynn Gardner gave a favorable treasurer/s report. Art Gardner reviewed the items he had for sale. He also continues to do a brisk business on reinking printer tapes. Dick Ohi reviewed the VCR library. Paul Brock wasn't present due to health and transportation problems. We wish you a speedy and full recovery. We all hope to see you and Evelyn soon.

Jim Peters will be taking inventory on club equipment next month. It was noted that the Lima Fair will be held on May 13-14. Mickey conducted the meeting in a different manner

this month to keep things changing and interesting, which is in keeping with her theme for this year "Keeping our TI club alive". Another innovation that she wants to place in effect, starting with this issue, is the addition of two personal profiles of our club members in each of our forthcoming newsletter releases. To start the project off, Mickey and I will submit a short profile to match up with our pictures. I hope the two stories or pictures don't get mixed up, that would be a disaster. That would mean she would be retired and I would have to go to work.

It seems like I only took a few notes this month but somehow this article is becoming lengthy. Could it be I adlib, -pause- na. Next, two raffles were held. The free raffle was for a pack of computer paper and the regular monthly raffle was for the programs: "Banners", "Rattle-snake Bend" and an "Adventure data base". The latter two programs were also demoed by their author, Mickey. In Norm's absence I'm sure he would say, read the February MICROpendium from cover to cover while giving special attention to p21, Berry Miller's CD-ROM. I'll close now with the familiar- May the good 4's be with you.

Words of Wisdom from
The Cactus Patch...

A flatterer must not lose his temper.

WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFORMATION

NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 19 1994
MEETING LOCATION: PENNS WOODS
CIVIC ASSOCIATION
JUST OFF ROUTE 30
N. HUNTINGDON, PA
TIME OF MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

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GENERAL ITINERARY OF THE CLUB'S MEETING

6:45 P.M. DOORS OPEN
7:00 P.M. GENERAL MEETING
7:45 P.M. DEMOS AND NEW INFO
9:45 P.M. ONE ON ONE HELP
9:45 P.M. SOCIALIZING
11:00 P.M. DOORS CLOSE

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH

LATEST T. I. NEWS AND SOFTWARE DISCOUNTS
FONTS AND BORDERS VI -- DEMO BY NORM
FONTS AND BORDERS VII -- DEMO BY NORM
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claim Pepsi's bubbles
have healing powers

Strange cult worships Pepsi Cola

PEPSI COLA is a favorite soft drink for people all over the world – but a strange sect in Mexico worships the beverage and includes it in all their sacred religious ceremonies.

If you go to the town of San Juan Chamula, Mexico you'll see Pepsi cans and bottles included among the holy artifacts inside many of the churches.

Unusual blend

That's because many natives of the southern Mexico town practice an unusual blend of Christianity mixed in with the

by SUZANNE STYLES

worship of ancient Mayan gods.

And they believe their religious leaders who claim that Pepsi has more bubbles than Coke – and because of this it is therefore closer to the sun and more powerful.

According to the elders, Pepsi has miraculous healing powers.

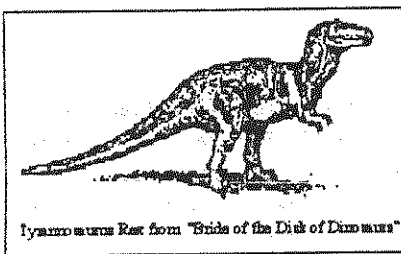
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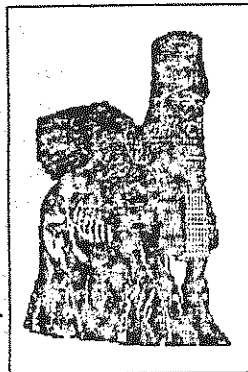
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THE 1994 LIMA MUG CONFERENCE - REPORT #2
Friday evening/Saturday May 13&14
Reed Hall, The Ohio State University
Lima Campus, Lima Ohio

As in past years this all TI/Geneve event is TOTALLY FREE. There is no admission charge and no charge for tables in the exhibit area. The Lima Campus is located just east of the city on the north side of State Route 309, 3 miles east of the junction of I75 and 309. There is ample free parking next to Reed Hall.

INFORMATION: To schedule a seminar, reserve free exhibit area tables, or for any additional information contact us in any of the following ways:

Write the Lima User Group at P.O. Box 647, Venedocia OH 45894.

Phone Dave Szimpl evenings at 513-498-9713

Phone Charles Good evenings at 419-667-3131

Send internet messages to cgood@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday May 13 4PM-8PM.

Saturday May 14 8AM-6PM with on site food service

DISK COPYING:

During the above hours a representative of any user group may make free copies of all disks added to the Lima software library since the 1993 MUG conference. We expect to have about 100 disks (about an equal number of floppies, DSSD disks) available for copying. Details of the contents of these disks will be mailed in mid April to those user groups likely to attend.

REGISTRATIONS TO DATE:

We have received requests for tables and/or seminar time from the following as of March 21; CIN DAY user group

Ramcharged Computers

Asgard peripherals, 1 table and seminar

Bruce Harrison, 1 table and seminar

9649 News, Berry Miller 2 tables and seminar

Mid South User Group 2 tables

Bud Mills tables and seminar

L.L. Conner enterprise

Competition Computer

Barry Traver table and seminar

CONSIGNMENTS:

We will have a "self service" consignment area for individuals wishing to sell stuff. Paper, markers, tape, and envelopes will be available. We suggest individuals mark their equipment with requested sale price and ask buyers to

leave the money in envelopes. The Lima User Group does not offer to provide security, nor do we offer to collect money on behalf of individuals using the consignment area.

VIDEO TAPES:

As in previous years all seminars will be video taped. We will copy these videos for user groups for \$5 per 6 hour tape (pays for the tape and postage) or \$1.25 per 6 hour tape if you provide your own tape. Tapes for this purpose can be left at the Lima table if they are will marked with the owner's return address. As of this writing we don't know how many video tapes will be required.

HOTELS:

Call the hotel of your choice about prices and make your own reservation. Many hotels in Lima have nice rooms for under \$40 per night. They are listed here in two groups; those at the most convenient location near I75 and route 309, and those a bit farther away.

Most convenient location, 5 minutes driving time to campus:

MOTEL 6 (This is the place where most people stay).
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TRANSPORTATION:

The easiest way to get to Lima is to drive. Lima has no commercial air service, but we will TRY to arrange free transportation for you from the airports of nearby cities. Arrangements are made by members of the local user groups in these cities. If you are flying to DAYTON OHIO (most who fly to Lima use this airport) phone Dave Szimpl evenings at 513-498-9713. If you are flying to COLUMBUS OHIO phone John Parkins at 614-891-4965. If you fly to FORT WAYNE INDIANA phone Homer Kipling at 219-483-6366. Unless arrangements can be made in advance with these people, you will have to rent a car and drive to Lima. Lima is served by Greyhound bus.

DONE



Whenever I am at home, chances are you'll find me sitting behind my keyboard working on something. Just ask my husband, Mike.

As most of you know, one of my first loves has been playing and later writing adventure games, but just as rewarding is my work writing software for my company, MS Express Software.

I even enjoy beta-testing the many programs that others have written for our company.

My only regret is that I wasn't writing programs back in the days when there were more people wanting programs for their TI.

What do I see for our future?

Unfortunately, I see a steady decline in membership, more user groups closing up shop, and many others switching over to an IBM format.

Personally, I plan on stayin' with my TI until the day I die.

As for those of you out there who have the need or desire to switch over to an IBM, why not DONATE your TI stuff (both hardware and software) to someone who is still using and supporting this machine (namely me). I'll keep what I can use, and pass the rest on to others who are in need.

Some of you have already taken me up on this offer, and I THANK YOU, VERY, VERY, MUCH! Your DONATIONS are helping to keep others active in the TI Community.

There's much more I could say, but I'm sure Ralph would prefer getting this bio as soon as possible.

In closing, I just want to say THANKS to all those out there who are still doing what they can to keep our TI Community alive. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

One last thing...

PEPSI, is the choice of this TI computer enthusiast.

Hi! My name is Mickey Cendrowski, and I am the President of the West Penn 99'ers.

Like most of you, I received my TI in 1983 when prices dropped to \$50 and I was fortunate enough to receive one as a Christmas present, along with a TI recorder and three command modules.

In 1985, I joined the Pittsburgh Users Group. A year later, I also became a member of the West Penn 99'ers.

Looking back over the years I have seen a lot of changes, some good, some bad, and some hard to accept.

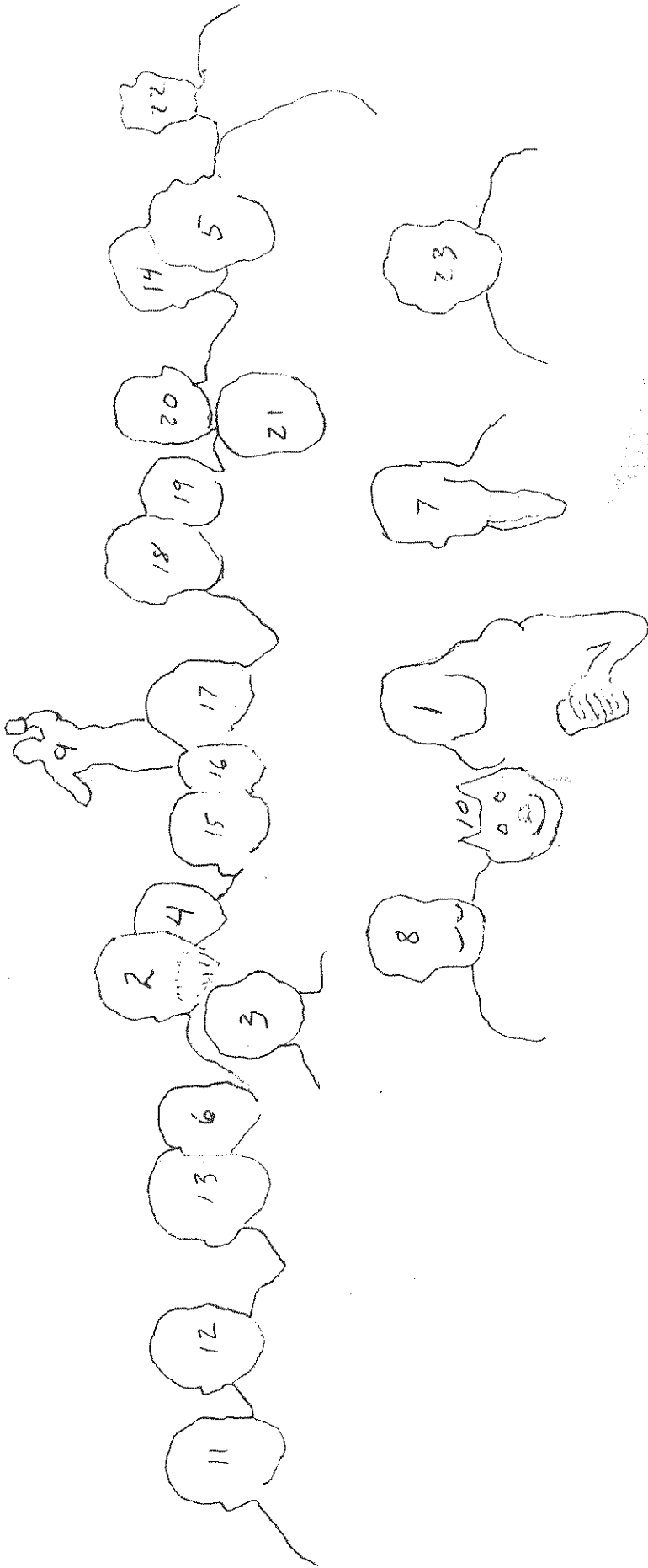
The worst, I guess has been the decline of members in the TI Community. That seems to be the hardest for me to handle, as I still remember going to fairs where there was hardly room enough to breath, let alone walk.

The best, by far, has been all the wonderful friends that I have made throughout the years.

What do I use my computer for?

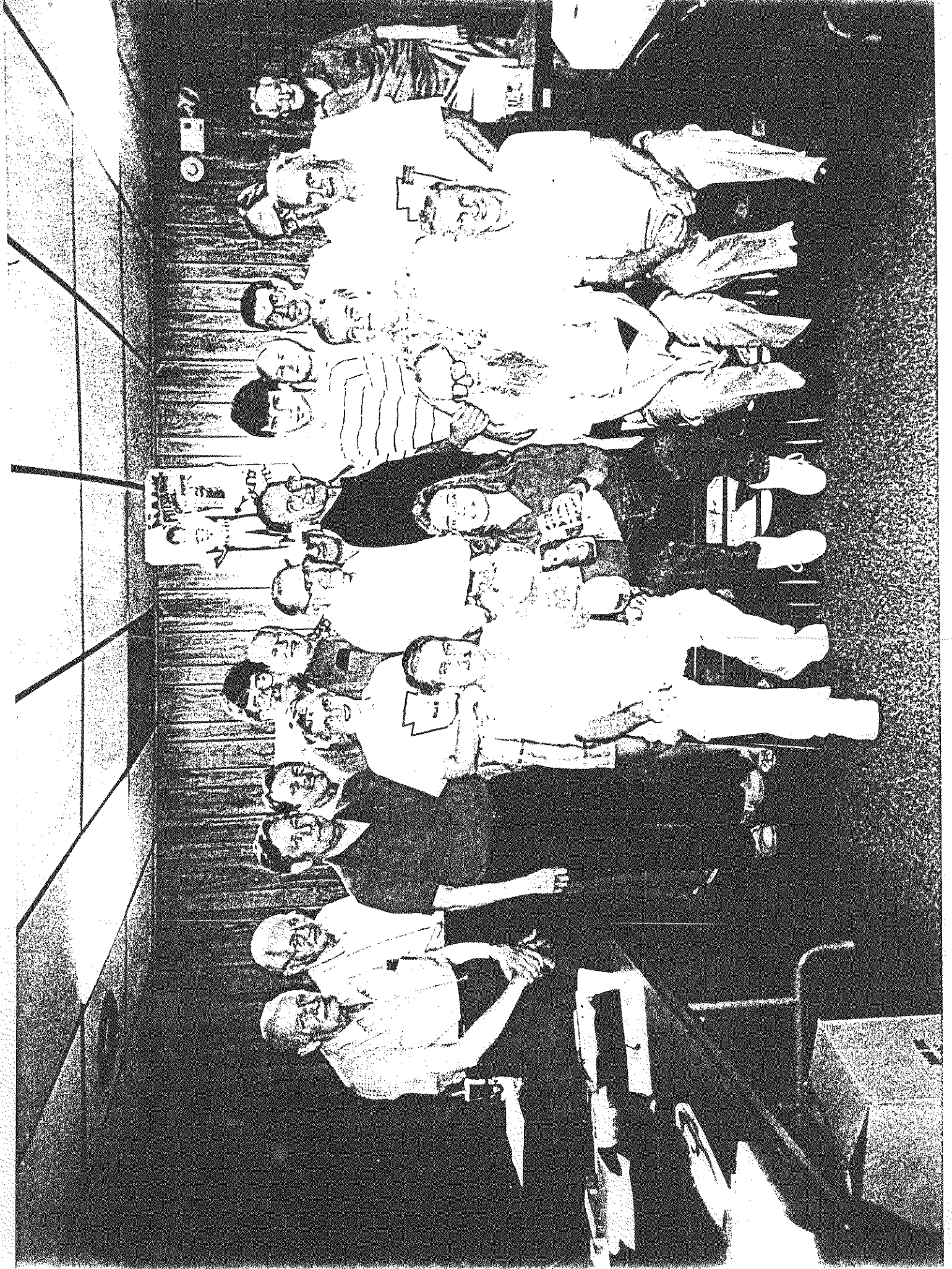
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Born in Wilson, Pa. in 1929. Graduated from Clairton High in 1947. Worked on the Hudson River Day Line three years. Went to Duquesne University and then to the University of Pittsburgh, graduating with a BS in Electrical Engineering. Worked for 33 years at USS Corp. Clairton Works in the Maintenance/Utilities Dept. Specializing in High Voltage Power, Electronics, Instrumentation and Control. Worked as a Gen Fmn for many years before becoming Division Engineer. Worked as Utilities Dept. Superintendent for several years. I have one daughter, Elaine lives in McKeesport, Pa. My sister, Frances lives in Daytona Beach, Florida.

My Wife, Eleanor and I have been happily married for 22 years. We reside at 818

Everglade Drive, McKeesport, Pa. Phone (412) 751-6065. Current main interests are: Community work, traveling, computering and wood working. Active member of the PUG and WF 99er's TI clubs. Current member of the national and local AARP groups and 2nd Vice President of the Elizabeth Twp. Senior Citizens. Wishing all TI enthusiasts a long and happy life. Closing with my now familiar-May the good 4's be with you.

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