

## Gavin A. Taylor, 97, Helped Develop Butyl Rubber at Exxon

Gavin A. Taylor, 97, of Medford died at Medford Leas on Monday, November 18.

Born in Maynard, Massachusetts, he graduated from Tufts College in 1921.

Mr. Taylor was a Westfield resident from 1942 until 1986. During that period, he had worked for Exxon retiring in 1964. He was a member of the Westfield Old Guard and the Gnosis organization.

Mr. Taylor was an active member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield during his residency. He was a long-time member of the American Chemical Society and also of the Charles A. Welch Masonic Lodge of Maynard.

### Mrs. Jean Petersen, 98

Mrs. Jean Farnam Petersen of Clark, 98, died Tuesday, November 12, at home.

Born in Pawnee, Illinois she had lived in Washington, D.C. before moving to Clark 62 years ago.

Mrs. Petersen had been the children's librarian at the Rahway Public Library for more than 30 years, retiring in 1978.

She was a published author, writing short stories, including the "Peter Pig" series of children's books and radio scripts for the program "Coast to Coast on a Bus," a children's show which aired on the former station WJZ in New York City.

Mrs. Petersen was an actress with the Rahway Theater Group. She also was a member of the American Librarians Association and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains.

Her husband, Henry Petersen, died in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Godfrey of Clark and Mrs. Carol Oakes of Fanwood; 10 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, November 16, at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad.

### Mrs. Rose D'Amore, 72

Mrs. Rose A. D'Amore, 72, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, November 8, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Italy, she had lived in Scotch Plains since 1928.

She had been employed with New Jersey Semi-Conductors, a subsidiary of RCA Television in Springfield, for 15 years before retiring in 1980. She also was a crossing guard for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education for many years.

Mrs. D'Amore was a member of the Rainbow Club of Scotch Plains.

Surviving are two sons, Frank and David D'Amore; four daughters, Miss Brenda D'Amore, Mrs. Katherine Barge, Mrs. Linda Foley and Miss Kim D'Amore; three brothers, Henry, Anthony and Dominic DeProspero, and eight grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, November 12, in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, following the funeral from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

### Joseph Venturella, 81

Joseph Venturella, 81, of Cranbury, formerly of Westfield, died Tuesday, November 12, in St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in New York City, he had lived in Westfield for 40 years before moving to Cranbury three years ago.

Mr. Venturella had been a civil engineer for the Arthur Venneri Company in Westfield for 30 years before retiring 25 years ago.

He also was the owner of the Robal Corporation which owned gas stations in Union County.

During World War II, Mr. Venturella was a civil engineer working for the United States Army Corps of Engineering at West Point.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Renee Farnelli and Mrs. Sandra Landkom; a son, Alan Venturella; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Motyka and Mrs. Madeline Pazzini; two brothers, Albert and Vincent Venturella; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were held on Friday, November 15, in the Krowicki Gorny Memorial Home in Clark.

### John E. Braun, 88

John E. Braun, 88, of Westfield died on Thursday, November 14, at home.

He was born in Philadelphia, where he had resided until moving to Haddonfield in 1938. In 1948, he and his wife moved to Westfield, where he remained for the rest of his life.

Mr. Braun had been employed for 30 years as an engineer for Aetna Life and Casualty in New York until his retirement in 1973.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mrs. Doris Braun, in 1988.

Mr. Braun is survived by a daughter, Miss Shelley Braun of Bridgewater; two sons, Michael Braun of Chicago and Peter Braun of New York; two sisters, Miss Bertha Braun and Mrs. Laura Lilly, both of Pennsylvania; a brother, Joseph Braun of Massachusetts; and seven grandchildren.

Services were private under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, Westfield.

### Bruce Maddock, 85

Bruce Maddock, 85, of Lakewood, formerly of Fanwood, died Friday, November 8, at Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.

Born in Wyandotte, Michigan, he had lived in Fanwood for 45 years before moving to Lakewood three years ago.

He was a plastics engineer at Union Carbide in Piscataway for 35 years, retiring in the early 1960s.

He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1935.

He was a member of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Nancy J. Maddock of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Mrs. Barbara A. West of Milan, Michigan.

## Obituaries

### Mrs. Eleanor Hanlon Powell, 71, Legal Secretary for Immigration

Mrs. Eleanor Hanlon Powell, 71, of Westfield died on Saturday, November 16, at the Hackensack University Medical Center.

She was born in Newark, where she resided until her service time in World War II. After the war, she had lived in New York City before moving to Westfield in the 1960s, where she remained for the rest of her life.

Mrs. Powell was employed as a legal secretary for most of her life, most recently working with the Department of Immigration in Newark before retiring in 1981.

She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel Powell, who died in 1977, as well as her late brothers, Edward Hanlon, Henry Hanlon and Thomas Hanlon, and her late sister, Miss Susan Hanlon.

Mrs. Powell is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Powell-Golman of Williston, Vermont; a sister, Mrs. Mrs. Rogerson, 89

### Mrs. Marion Elizabeth Rogerson, 89

Mrs. Marion Elizabeth Rogerson, 89, of Westfield died on Monday, November 11, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Elizabeth, she was a resident of Roselle for 50 years before moving to Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield in 1989.

Initiated in 1925 into the Augusta Chapter of Eastern Star, she enjoyed an active social life. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, she was recognized by the Women's Association in Roselle for her service to others and was made an Honorary Life Member of the Board of National Missions.

Her husband, William Rogerson, employed by the Singer Sewing Company, predeceased her in March of 1985. They had been married for 59 years.

Surviving are a son, William A. Rogerson of Westfield; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Speeks of Oaklyn, and a nephew.

Her body was donated to Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Anatomical Association.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, December 8, at 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, located on the corner of Chestnut Street and Fifth Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle.

### Edward Yeats Sr., 59

Edward C. Yeats Sr., 59, of Jupiter, Florida, a former Scotch Plains resident, died on Saturday, October 26, in the Jupiter Medical Center.

Born in Plainfield, he had lived in Middlesex and Scotch Plains before moving to Jupiter in 1992.

Mr. Yeats had been a Vice President and an owner of the Quality Graphics Center in Roselle for many years before retiring.

He was Treasurer, served on the Board of Trustees, and was the Special Project Coordinator, all in the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia Yeats; three daughters, Ms. Debbie Clayton, Ms. Gail Hoffman and Ms. Dawn Broyles; three sons, Edward, Stan and Tristan Yeats; 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Memorial services for Mr. Yeats were held at noon on Saturday, November 16, in the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle.

### Isaac Floyd Monroe, 64

Isaac Floyd Monroe, 64, of Plainfield died Saturday, November 9, at the Lyons Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lyons.

Born in Westfield, he had resided in Plainfield.

Mr. Monroe had worked for the Spray Drying Corporation, retiring in 1982 after 40 years of service.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Monroe; two daughters, Miss Iva Monroe and Miss Elizabeth Monroe, and two brothers, James and William Monroe.

Services will be held today, Thursday, November 14, at the Plinton Funeral Home in Westfield.

### Mrs. Barbara Heesch, 86

Mrs. Barbara G. Heesch, 86, of Marlton, formerly of Westfield, died on Thursday, October 19, at West Jersey Hospital.

She was born in Windsor, Connecticut.

She was married to the late Peter Heesch.

She is survived by a son, Peter Heesch, Jr. of Bonn Germany; a daughter, Ms. Susan H. Henry of Vienna, Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Carlotta G. Almy of Daytona Beach, Florida, and five grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, October 25, at the Lechner Funeral Home in Medford. Interment was in Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of the donor's choice.

### Mrs. Lizzie Mae Burton, 83

Mrs. Lizzie Mae Burton, 83, of Edison, formerly of Scotch Plains, died Monday, November 11, at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Twin City, Georgia, she had lived in Edison for four years and was a resident for 56 years of Plainfield and Scotch Plains.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Eunice Lee of Plainfield; three sisters, Mrs. Lois Smith and Mrs. Mary Ann Connor, both of Swainsboro, Georgia, and Mrs. Matilda Brooks of Philadelphia; two brothers, Henry Smith of Twin City and Louis Smith of Ocala, Florida; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Margaret Waslin of Clifton; a brother, John Hanlon of Spring Lake, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Tuesday, November 19. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, Westfield.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Heart and Lung Association.

### Mrs. June Gaines, 48

Mrs. June Gaines, 48, of Scotch Plains died Saturday, November 16, in the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Rowan County, Kentucky, she had lived in Flemingsburg, Kentucky before moving to Scotch Plains 22 years ago.

Mrs. Gaines was a partner with her husband, Paul Gaines, of I.V. Labs in Lakewood. She was a graduate of Iowa State University.

Mrs. Gaines is also survived by two sons, Gregory and Christopher Gaines; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bumgardner; a sister, Mrs. Denise Alexander, and a brother, Paul Bumgardner.

Memorial services were held on Monday, November 18, in the Terrill Road Baptist Church in Scotch Plains. Arrangements were handled by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood.

### Rudolph Brown, 71

Rudolph R. Brown, 71, of New York City, a former resident of Westfield, died Monday, November 11, in Harlem Hospital in New York City.

Born in Sandston, Virginia, Mr. Brown had lived in Westfield before moving to New York City 35 years ago.

Mr. Brown had been a self-employed salesman for many years before retiring six years ago.

He had served in the United States Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his spouse, Mrs. Jeannette Brown; four sons, Elton, Raymond, David and Adrian Brown; a brother, Roy Brown; a sister, Mrs. Geraldine Roane; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, November 15, in the Metropolitan Baptist Church in New York City.

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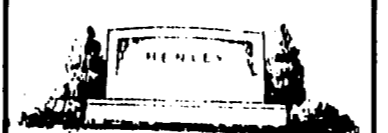
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## Eric R. Akerlund, 88, Publisher, Won 1932 Olympic Gold in Sailing

Eric R. Akerlund, 88, of Princeton, died on Monday, November 18, in the Hunterdon Medical Center in Raritan Township.

Born in Stockholm, Sweden, Mr. Akerlund had lived in Plainfield for 31 years before moving to Princeton in 1988.

He had been the publisher and owner of Recorder Printer, an industrial publishing company located in Fanwood, for many years. He retired in 1983.

Mr. Akerlund was a graduate of the University of Stockholm.

Mr. Akerlund was an Olympic gold medalist in sailing in the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles, and was the son

of one of Europe's largest publishers, Eric Akerlund, founder of Ahlen and Akerlund of Stockholm, Sweden.

He was a life member of the Plainfield Rotary Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gloria Akerlund, and a son, Bill Akerlund.

A memorial service will be held at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, West, Fanwood, Friday, November 22, at 11 a.m. Interment will be private. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hunterdon Medical Center Foundation, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, 08822.

## Paul A. Tobelmann, 85, Supported Evangelical Mission Organizations

Paul A. Tobelmann, 85, of Shell Point Village, Fort Myers, Florida, a former Westfield resident, died Friday, November 15.

Born in Hillside in 1911, Mr. Tobelmann had resided in Newark and the Oranges until 1940. He had lived in Westfield for 50 years, and was a member of the Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

In 1949, he co-founded Swebco Tube Corporation of Clifton, serving as President and Chief Executive Officer for many years.

Throughout his life he was active in supporting mission activities of numerous evangelical organizations.

Surviving is his wife of 60 years, Mrs. Adele Meyers Tobelmann; two daughters, Mrs. Elaine Grose of West Linn, Oregon and Mrs. Ruth Grant of Manlius, New York; two brothers,

Charles Tobelmann of Los Angeles and Henry Tobelmann of Burlington, North Carolina; two sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Reynolds of Georgetown, Kentucky and Mrs. Betty Valoff of Shell Beach, California; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1100 Boulevard, Westfield, on Saturday, December 7, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Billy Graham Evangelical Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, or the charity of their choice.

### Robert J. Kennedy, 53

Robert J. Kennedy, 53, of Clinton died Wednesday, November 13, at Hunterdon Medical Center in Raritan Township.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Summit and had lived in Bridgewater before moving to Clinton in 1986.

He owned and operated Wayside Gardens, a garden center, in Summit and Springfield. It was a family business started by his father, Harry G. Kennedy, in 1931.

Mr. Kennedy was a member of the Nurseryman's Association.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Annandale.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Joan E. Kosteki Kennedy; a son, Robert J. Kennedy Jr. of Annandale; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara J. Murphy of Fanwood and Mrs. Kristin A. Tindall of Lebanon; a brother, Raymond Kennedy of Ortle Beach, and two grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, November 16, at the Immaculate Conception Church. Arrangements were handled by the Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home in Lebanon Borough.

### Charles V. Coogan, 78

Charles V. Coogan, 78, formerly of Westfield, died Friday, November 15, at the Chandler Regional Hospital in Chandler, Arizona.

Born in Newark, he had resided in Westfield from 1947 to 1994, prior to moving to Arizona.

He had been employed for 25 years as a semi-tractor trailer driver for the Trinity Bag and Paper Company. He retired 18 years ago.

Mr. Coogan served in the United States Coast Guard in World War II.

He had been active in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Helen in Westfield and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas J. Coogan of Colorado, and Charles V. Coogan of Sayreville; a daughter, Mrs. Diane P. Hudson of Chandler, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Bueler Mortuary in Chandler.

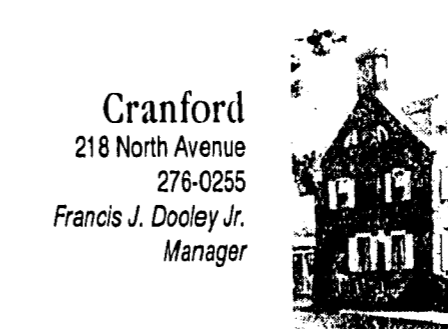
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