

businesses have been in Lancaster for more than three decades.

Both businesses are located at 216 E. Main St. The company did tax return preparation and bookkeeping.

Walker was associated with BPI as a tax return preparer and corporate officer.

Keyes and Walker also were charged with filing false income tax returns for themselves, and Keyes is

"I don't know what to say," Walker said when contacted at work Friday. "I don't think I did those things. But, I don't know."

The *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* was unable to reach their attorney Friday.

Also indicted in an unrelated case were Michael D. West, Reynoldsburg, and David L. Miller, Columbus. West was the owner of West Services, an income tax return preparation business at 1549 Clifton

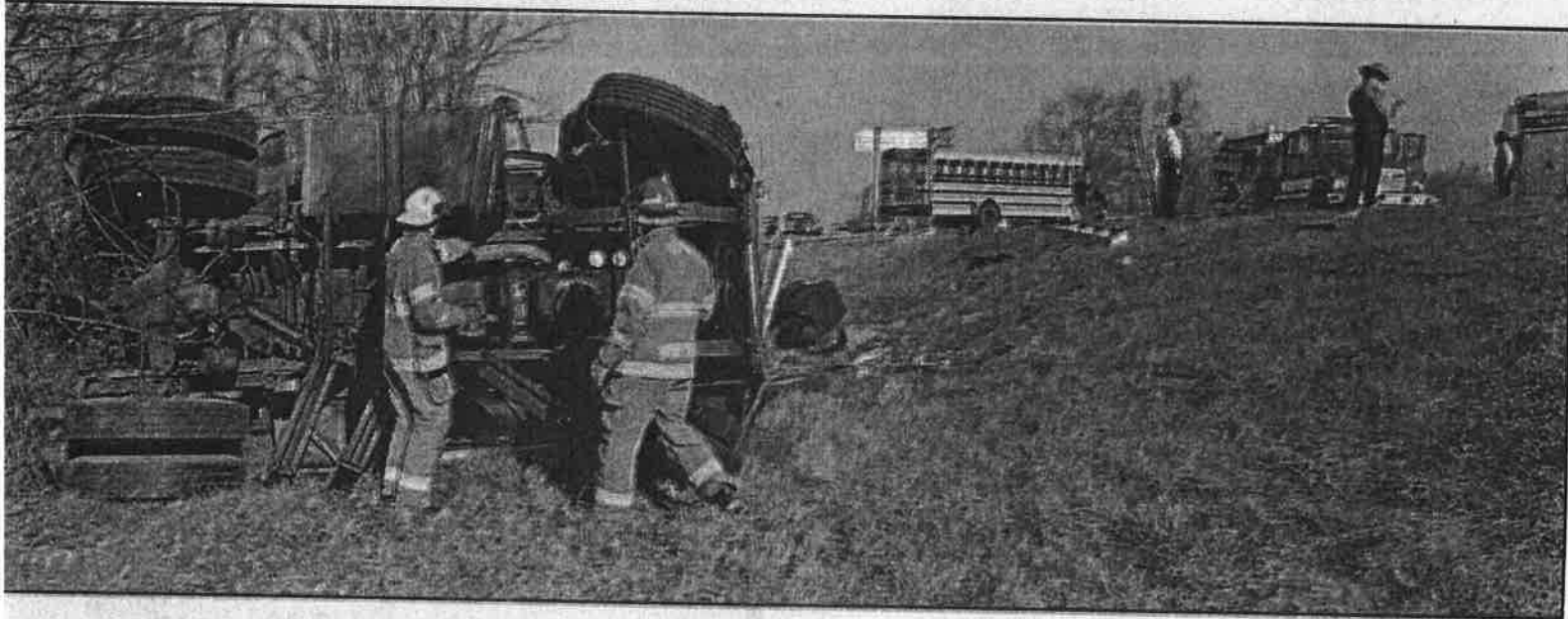
West was charged with 30 counts of aiding or assisting in the presentation or preparation of a false or fraudulent income tax return. Miller is charged with 11 counts. Both are charged with conspiracy.

The indictments were announced Friday by Sharon J. Zealey, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, in conjunction with George M. Rezny, chief of the IRS Criminal Investigation Division in Cincinnati.

Walker accuses them of filing false and fraudulent income tax returns between January 1993 and April 28, 1996.

According to the indictment, the pair sought to conceal from the IRS significant amounts of personal income received in connection with their work as tax return preparers and bookkeepers at BPI and BSI. At various times in 1993 and 1994, Keyes and Walker allegedly would

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Scene commander Lt. Doug Wortman, red fire hat, of the Greenfield Township Fire Department checks for fuel leaks while workers with the state highway patrol try to reconstruct the accident which occurred between a Bloom-Carroll School bus and a semi-tractor trailer on Columbus-Lancaster Road on Friday. Two people were transported to hospitals following the crash. No children were injured. (E-G photo by Dick Prochaska)

# Truck collides with school bus

By CARL BURNETT JR.,  
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A driver for Doyle Homes was in serious condition Friday night after a school bus drove out in front of him on Columbus-Lancast-

er Road Friday.

It happened just after Bloom-Carroll school bus 11 had discharged its high school and junior high school passengers and was headed back to start its elementary school run, according to Bloom-Carroll

High School Principal Steve Gahn.

"Luckily, all the students were safe back in school and the driver was headed back out to pick up elementary school children," Gahn said. Gahn was on scene within minutes of the accident. The bus

driver, June A. Benson, 53, of 8087 Benson Road, Carroll, was crossing Columbus-Lancaster Road at Carroll-Southern Road at 8:07 a.m. Friday, according to a State Highway Patrol report.

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# Hobson ponders highway vote

By RONALD F. ECKSTEIN  
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WASHINGTON — Congress came one step closer to increasing the nation's annual transportation

members had the opportunity to request funding for special projects in their districts. About 400 congressmen took advantage of that opportunity, applying for almost 2,000 projects. Half of those projects were

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meet and distribute business receipts among themselves. None of them received a regular paycheck from the company, rather each received a portion of the cash and a number of checks that had been received from clients.

Walker is charged with conspiracy, two counts of making and subscribing a false income tax return and seven counts of aiding in the preparation of fraudulent income tax returns.

Keyes is charged with conspira-

tion to file a false income tax return and one count of failure to file an income tax return. During 1994, the indictment alleges Keyes received \$274,095.47 in gross income, but allegedly did not file an income tax return.

Filing a false income tax return is punishable by up to three years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. Failure to file an income tax return has a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment and a fine of up to \$100,000.

"As the tax filing deadline approaches, taxpayers should be

good to be true and go beyond what the law allows," Zealey said in her statement.

Zealey said the investigation was continuing.

"The clients of these preparers could face possible civil tax consequences as a result of fraudulent income tax returns being filed on their behalf," Zealey said.

Initial appearances before a U.S. magistrate judge will be scheduled at a later date, and the cases have been assigned to U.S. District Judge John D. Holschuh.

## Collision

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At the same time a semi-tractor trailer used to transport mobile homes for Doyle Trading Irishman, Inc., of Reynoldsburg, was driven by William J. Scholar, 47, of Grove City and heading east on Columbus-Lancaster Road.

The bus pulled out in front of the semi-tractor and Scholar hit the front of the bus, but then went off

the left hand side of the road, rolling over.

Scholar was transported by Greenfield Township EMS to Fairfield Medical Center and was then flown via MedFlight to Grant Medical Center in Columbus. A Grant spokeswoman stated Scholar was in the intensive car unit Friday night listed in serious condition.

Benson was transported by Bloom Township EMS to Fairfield Medical Center where she Lt. Doug Wortman confirmed the driver of the semi was out of the truck when

the first fire units arrived.

"Our first concern was for the safety of the two driver's," Wortman said. "Then we made sure the vehicles were not going to catch fire and to keep the fuel from getting into the stream nearby."

Wortman said no fire resulted from the crash and the firefighters were able to soak up the fuel spill before it entered the stream.

No one else was injured in the accident and it remains under investigation.