

## Coolbaugh Is Now Township Police Chief

### All Police Will Be On Call Full 24 Hours Per Day

Irwin Coolbaugh was appointed Chief of Police and Leslie Tinsley, patrolman, at a reorganization meeting of Dallas Township Supervisors this week.

Coolbaugh succeeds Chief James Gansel who retired.

The appointment is on a 24-hour-a-day basis, according to Supervisor Fred Lamoreaux, who paid tribute to Mr. Gansel as a police officer and expressed regret that Gansel could not see his way clear to accept the appointment on a 24-hour active service basis.

Mr. Lamoreaux said Coolbaugh's appointment is for a year at a salary of \$265 per month plus \$500 a year for the use of his car. Tinsley's appointment is on a month-to-month basis at \$250 per month and \$40 per month for the use of his car.

During the reorganization, Lamoreaux was elected chairman and roadmaster of the Board of Supervisors. William Brace was elected vice president, Glen Howell, secretary, and Atty. Frank Townsend, solicitor.

Seventeen Civil Defense Auxiliary police will be sworn in for emergencies and any extra police work required by individuals.

"Our police will now be on duty 24-hours a day," Mr. Lamoreaux said. "We are done with part-time police or assignments to private duties."

At a reorganization meeting of the Police Pension Fund, Irwin Coolbaugh was elected president; Mr. Lamoreaux, vice president; Glen Howell, secretary-treasurer; and Frank Townsend and William Brace were elected trustees.

The new police chief has served as assistant chief in Dallas Township for the past year. Born and reared in Dallas Borough where he graduated from high school, he was employed for 24 years as a mechanic by Wilkes-Barre Transit Corp.

His wife is the former Dixie Schobert of Kingston. They have three children, Bob, a sophomore at the University of Richmond; Edward, a sophomore at Westmoreland; and Sharon, second grade student at Dallas Township.

Chief Coolbaugh is a brother of Mrs. Antoinette Mason, Dallas second grade teacher. Another sister, Jane LaRosa lives in Atlantic City. He has two brothers Alan, Miners Mills and Richard, Philadelphia. A brother James and a brother Edward died some years ago.

His family has for generations been identified with the Back Mountain region. His mother was the former Ada Shaver of a family long prominent here. She now lives with her son in Miners Mills.

## Mrs. Paul Nulton Jr. Wins Chevrolet On Treasure Hunt

Mrs. Paul Nulton, Jr., found buried treasure in a chest at NBC Television in New York Wednesday morning. Under the eyes of half of Noksen and Beaumont viewing Jan Murray's Treasure Hunt over WBRE TV.

Netha chose between accepting \$300, and the contents of a Treasure Chest. She chose the chest, and in it was:

A \$3,550 Chevrolet convertible. A week in New York with all expenses paid.

A year's supply of candy bars. And a number of other things which Mrs. Paul Nulton, Sr., of Beaumont cannot recall. The chest could have contained a bag of coal, an onion or nothing.

Mrs. Nulton, Jr., is a registered nurse, administrator at Brunswick General Hospital on Long Island. Her husband follows his father's footsteps in the undertaking profession.

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## Three Brothers, Brother-In-Law Held For Several Thefts; Some Here

Three brothers, a brother-in-law, and two other men have been apprehended by Pennsylvania State Police for recent burglaries in Luzerne County, some of them in the Back Mountain area.

Two of the brothers and a brother-in-law were committed to Luzerne County Prison on Monday following their arraignment before Justice of the Peace Howell W. Evans, Wyoming.

Two other men were released under \$500 bail on charges of receiving stolen goods, while another brother is being brought from Trenton, where he was held by police.

Local police who questioned the men do not believe that they were involved in more than one or two of the series of thefts that have plagued the Back Mountain region since early summer.

Held are: Edward Rozelle, 20, 423 West Sixth Street, Wyoming, now in Luzerne County Prison.

Roy Rozelle, 28, 7818 Craig Street, Philadelphia, now in Luzerne County Prison.

Joseph Jackson, brother-in-law of the Rozelles, Richmond Street, Philadelphia, now in Luzerne County Prison.

Corey Rozelle, 19, 928 Revere Street, Trenton, held by Trenton police, brought back to Wyoming Barracks yesterday by State Police along with a quantity of loot.

Francis Smith, 119 Owen Street, Swoyerville, out on \$500 bail on receiving charge.

Thomas Morris, 815 Willard St., Luzerne, out on \$500 bail on receiving charge.

The Rozelles and Jackson admit burglaries starting in November as follows:

John Detroy, RD Wyoming, Kingston Township, November 8, merchandise and cash stolen; William E. Bonser, Jr., RD 1, Harding, Exeter Township, November 8, merchandise and cash stolen; Caddie LaBar, Ransom Road, Dallas RD 3, Franklin Township, November 29, merchandise, rifles and shotgun stolen; Joseph Arale, Forrest Park, Bear Creek Township, November 30, money and merchandise stolen; Sterling Hendershot, Forrest Park, Bear Creek Township, November 30, merchandise and money stolen; Joseph Jennings, summer home, Falls RD, December 3, merchandise, and Louis Stevio, RD Harveys Lake, Lake Township, December 21, typewriter and merchandise.

State Police said the cash and merchandise totaled approximately \$4,500. Some of the merchandise stolen, State Police said, was sold to Smith, who operates Maltby Social Club, and to Morris. Other merchandise was taken to Philadelphia, where it was sold or pawned for a fraction of its value.

The three brothers and Jackson also admitted to burglarizing a home near Norristown and two homes in the suburbs of Philadelphia.

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Harveys Lake Police who investigated the robbery of the Louis Stevio home, while the Stevios were in Florida, said they first learned of the robbery when a boy who was caring for the property found the front door open and notified them. Police at first thought nothing had been disturbed but Stevio later told them that a quantity of liquor and a portable typewriter had been taken.

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## School Boilers Are Hooked Up, Heat Restored

### Borough Pupils Back At School After 2 Days Off

Two new boilers are in operation at Dallas Borough School, and the school is adequately warmed. School was dismissed Tuesday and Wednesday, when custodians found it impossible to get the building heated after the Christmas holiday. Many of the rooms were too cold for classes on Monday, and teachers were obliged to take their pupils to the halls.

On Tuesday morning, with lack of sufficient heat still prevailing, pupils were sent home immediately after arrival.

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The boilers, hand-fired, are using great quantities of coal at present because of faults in the valves which permit steam to escape. One kindergarten room will be unavailable for use until this condition is corrected.

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## Anonymous Callers Threaten "You Have 15 Minutes To Live"

A Linear Inc., executive and a Kingston Township farmer's wife have recently heard the disturbing, cryptic anonymous message over their telephones: "You have fifteen minutes to live". One was to Gunnar Oleson, Shrine Acres; the other to Mrs. Ralph Sands.

They are not the only Back Mountain people to have received nuisance telephone calls within recent weeks. In many instances the dialers call a number and then hang up as soon

as the phone is answered. The calls may be repeated from three to five times during an evening.

Commonwealth Telephone Company has had experience with this type of call in the past and the callers have been apprehended to their sorrow and embarrassment.

Such calls can be checked and if you receive one you should immediately notify the telephone company.

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## Mother, 32, Dies New Years Eve

Mrs. Mary Lou Wilson, resident of New Goss Manor for the past year and a half, died New Year's Eve at Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital in Philadelphia. She was buried in Calvary Cemetery, following a high mass of requiem at St. Bernadette's, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wilson, only 32, was taken by ambulance to Philadelphia on Christmas day, after four days at General Hospital where she had been admitted Monday on order of Dr. Malcolm Borthwick who had made a tentative diagnosis of an encephalitis virus. Her condition became so grave that Dr. Borthwick directed her transfer to the care of a brain surgeon, suspecting pressure.

Brain surgery performed two days after admission to Fitzgerald revealed no tumor, corroborating Dr. Borthwick's first diagnosis.

There are two children, Peggy, 7, a second grade student at Gate of Heaven parochial school; and Michael, eighteen months. Mrs. Wilson had not been in rugged health since Michael's birth, and had been suffering with bronchitis immediately before admission to General.

Mrs. Wilson, the former Mary Lou, daughter of Mrs. Loretta Loux and the late Ray Loux, Drexel Hill, had made many friends in this area during her brief residence. Mr. Wilson moved his family to New Goss Manor when he was made salesman for the Gibson Greeting Card Co. for mid-Pennsylvania.

Beside her husband, Edward J., her mother, and two children, Mrs. Wilson is survived by a brother, Lt. Commander Ray Loux, with the U.S. Navy in Norfolk.

Manning Dallas community ambulance for the Philadelphia run on Christmas Day were Charles Plack and Robert Block, accompanied by Mrs. Francis J. Beline, RN, of Midland Drive, and Mrs. Loux, Mrs. Wilson's mother. The round trip was accomplished between 2:30 and 10:30 p.m. Kingston Township ambulance crew was alerted to handle any possible Dallas calls during the day.

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## Peter Weaver Showing Good Progress Now

### Sutton Road Lad Accidentally Shot Saturday Afternoon

Peter Weaver, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Robert Weaver, Sutton Road, Trucksburg is making a valiant fight for life at Sunbury Community Hospital where he was taken Saturday afternoon at 2 following a shooting accident at Harter Game Farm near Northumberland.

The bullet from the .22 calibre pistol entered Peter's left side piercing the lung, spleen, liver and stomach. Emergency surgery performed by Dr. George Deitterick Sr., and his son Dr. George Deitterick, Jr., both of Sunbury resulted in the removal of the spleen and efforts to stop internal bleeding. The bullet was not removed, and for many hours there was doubt that the boy would recover. His parents have been at his bedside constantly since the accident. Peter was very bad Sunday night when a Harrisburg lung specialist was called on the case, but is now much improved and up in a wheelchair.

The injured boy was taken to the hospital by his father in the family car. The Weavers, father and son, were members of a hunting party which also included Arthur Watkins, engineer with Sordoni Construction Co., and his son Fred, both of Forty Fort; George Ruckno, prominent building contractor, Shrine Acres, Dallas, and Edward C. Allen, Bear Creek.