

## Court Appoints Gloria Thomas Probation Chief

### Shavertown Lawyer Follows Tradition Of Legal Family

Appointment of Atty. Gloria Thomas as chief probation officer for Luzerne County is a real feather in the cap, not only for Mrs. Thomas, but for the Back Mountain. Unsolicited and unsought, the appointment won unanimous approval of the court en banc.

February 1, Mrs. Thomas will assume her duties, giving experienced assistance to families smarting under marital difficulties, dealing with the various complications that arise from illegitimacy, divorce, poverty.

Mrs. Thomas, with two children of her own, a well adjusted husband and a smoothly running household, may well have the common sense answer to many questions of domestic maladjustment, plus the legal know-how in implementing the solution.

With the recent closing of the school sessions, forbidding children to go home for lunch, many women of brilliant intellect, well able to carry on profession or business, are now able to pursue their chosen work during the daytime.

A woman's place, Mrs. Thomas says, is definitely in the home until her children are well established in school, but once they are away from home most of the day, a woman who has talents and training to offer, should certainly offer them. And if a salary can go along with the work, that is all to the good.

Ever since she and her husband, Atty. Enoch Thomas, were married on Valentine's Day, 1948, in her native Meadville, she has been a resident of Greater Wyoming Valley, first in Wilkes-Barre, then Kingston and Forty-Fort, then Shavertown. Since settling here six years ago, she says she has never wanted to leave, and the children love it.

"I'm a small town girl at heart," she says, "and this looks like home to me. Meadville, where I was born, has the small town atmosphere, a college town where everybody knows everybody else. Cities leave me cold."

Mrs. Thomas the former Gloria Pepicelli, graduated (with a Phi Beta Kappa key) far younger than most girls do, taking an accelerated course at Allegheny College in Meadville, and going on to study law, a tradition in her family. She obtained her law degree at University of Pennsylvania.

Returning to Meadville, she passed her bar examinations in Crawford County at the age of 23, the first woman and the youngest lawyer to be admitted to the bar. She became assistant district attorney of Crawford County.

She maintains an office in Miner's National Bank Building, in association with her husband, and Attorneys James Reinart and William Farrell.

She is pleased that this appointment, following the resignation of incumbent A. Stuart Powell of Kingston, who retires January 31, is not a political one. She is beholden to nobody for the appointment.

She and her husband Enoch are both vitally interested in schools and civic advancement. Their two daughters, Gloria, 10 and Megan, 9, attend Shavertown school, where their parents have been active in PTA work.

Mrs. Thomas belongs to Wilkes-Barre Junior League, has done volunteer work for the United Fund, Cancer Society, YWCA. She is secretary of Back Mountain Library Book Club; a former board member of Wyoming Valley Council of Girl Scouts; and belongs to the State Board of Pennsylvania Citizens Association.

"It will be a challenge," she admits, "running a household in conjunction with a fascinating job, and keeping up with the girls' homework at night as well as seeing that meals are prepared on time, but it will be very much worth-while. And so interesting."

## Peter Weaver Sues For Injuries

Peter S. Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Weaver, Sutton Road, is asking \$10,000 damages from a hunting companion whose accidentally discharged firearm did extensive injury to his chest three years ago on the Hartwood Game Farm, Northumberland County. The boy, then 15, was not expected to live for several weeks after the accident.

Defendant is Arthur F. Watkins, Forty Fort, whose son Fred, 16, owned the 22 calibre weapon, a Christmas gift from his father.

## Ralston To Be Speaker

George F. Ralston, dean of men at Wilkes College will be the speaker at the St. John's dinner of George M. Dallas Lodge, F. & A. M. at Irem Temple Country Club Tuesday night January 23. Reservations may be made by calling the Country Club.

## New Year Bleak; Fires Draw At Noxen Tannery

### Five Employees Remain For Final Closing Of Plant

It was a grim outlook for the new year in Noxen.

Fires in the big Armour Leather Company plant were raged on Friday and for the first time in seventy years—even during the period when the plant was led waste by fire—only four persons are now temporarily employed.

They are the last 108 men who worked there until recently; the last of 217 who were employed when the plant was operating at its peak in 1941.

These four, under the direction of Les Kocher, a veteran of twenty years with the Armour Company, are pumping out the last of the tanning liquors from the vats where millions of hides were tanned during the past seventy years. They are also loading and shipping a few of the odds and ends of supplies to be used in other plants of the company.

All of the heavy machinery that could be used in the other plants has been shipped; but most of the machinery remains in the gaunt, silent buildings that once bustled with the whirr of electric motors, rattle of machinery and hiss of escaping steam.

Even the immaculate generator room, always warm, and throbbing, where power was produced for the machines, is silent, deserted and cold; its doors locked except for the turn of a watchman's key.

Peter Yellitz, former superintendent, moved his family from the home built by the Mossers, founders of the plant, on Friday, and Monday started his new duties as foreman in the Armour plant at Williamsport. Some of the younger men have moved their families to other communities where they have found employment in the tanning business. Others have gone with other industries; but they are in the minority. Some older men, lifetime employees, have received pensions. All others have received some type severance pay.

But, for most of the middle aged employees, the outlook is bleak. "You'll never know quite what its like," says Les Kocher, "until you look at these dark buildings at evening. There's not a light anywhere. Not the faintest vapor of escaping steam or life. It's a sad situation!"

## Dr. Farley Will Speak To PTA

### Lehman-Jackson-Ross Group To Meet Jan. 8

Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes College, will speak to Lehman-Jackson-Ross PTA Monday night at 8 in the Lehman gym. He will be introduced by Mrs. Richard Stroud, program chairman.

Dr. Farley will talk on parental responsibility for conditioning students toward obtaining an education. A panel discussion previously planned for Monday night will take place at a later date, he is announced.

Mrs. Edward Kanasky asks seventh grade mothers to serve refreshments.

## Dallas Set For League Opener

### League Champions To Test Swoyerville Here

Action in the North league campaign gets underway Friday evening with Swoyerville meeting Dallas Senior High at the new Senior High gym in the top game of the evening.

Dallas with only one starter back from last seasons championship squad, Tom Gauntlett, will have its hands full if it hopes to repeat as champs. According to repeat season predictions Ashley-Sugar-Notch, Swoyerville and Fairview will be the clubs to beat.

Dallas wound up its exhibition schedule with a 6-2 slate against mostly Wyoming Valley League teams. It turned back Northwest, Coughlin, Plymouth, Hanover, West Pittston and Forty Fort.

The locals lost the opener to Wyoming 55-52 and wound up the exhibition play with a 71-46 loss at the hands of a powerful Kingston team.

After downing Plymouth 67-61, Dallas turned back Coughlin 56-46 as Gauntlett tossed in 19 and Letts hit for 16.

Gauntlett finished the exhibition play with a 25 point per game average, tallying 200 points in eight contests.

## Santa And Legion Members Visit Little Boy



On his way to the Christmas Party of Daddow-Isaacs Post American Legion on December 23, Santa Claus stopped off to pay a special visit to Robert Commy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Commy, 34 Burnside Road. Bobby has had a tough time of it with illness so Santa with his associates Leonard Dougherty, Chief of Police Russell Honeywell, Commander Edward Buckley and Past Commander Thomas Reese brought some extra cheer for the little boy.

More than 300 other children were entertained at the Legion Home where David Joseph acted as song leader accompanied by Mrs. William Baker. Each child received a stocking filled with goodies and the Auxiliary served hot dogs and soda.

After the party, the Legion distributed fruit and food baskets to ill members of the Post. Santa was impersonated by Dick Oliver.

## Borough Officials Sworn In At Reorganization Meeting

Three Dallas Borough Councilmen, Grace Cave, Robert Moore and Wilbur Davis, reelected to their second terms, were sworn into office by Mayor Thomas Morgan at the annual reorganization meeting of Borough Council Tuesday night in the Borough Building.

Mayor Morgan, also reelected was previously sworn in by Justice of the Peace Fred Jennings, acting for the first time in that capacity.

Also sworn in was Chief of Police Russell Honeywell as Constable. Council then elected these officers, Harold Brobst, president; Robert Moore, vice president; Robert Brown, secretary and W. B. Jeter, treasurer.

Others appointed were: Extra police, Alvin Shaffer, Raymond Titus and William Berti; borough engineer and building inspector, John T. Jeter; solicitor, Atty. Robert L. Fleming; roads supervisor, Alvin Shaffer and road men, Andrew Peranto, Kyle Cundiff and Frank Morgan.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. when the temporary budget is presented.

## Forest Of Steel Rising Steadily

### Lake-Lehman High School Takes Shape

A forest of structural steel is growing at site of the new Lake-Lehman High School, in spite of cold weather and snow.

The only part of the proposed building which shows no steel framework is the gymnasium. Steel is well along on classrooms, cafeteria, auditorium and shop units.

Raymon Hedden contractor, has about thirty men on the job, working in fair weather or foul.

## Smith Is Fired As Roadmaster

Thirteen years of faithful service as Roadmaster in Kingston Township came to a close Tuesday night for Supervisor Arthur Smith who won reelection to office by an overwhelming 700 votes against the candidate supported by his two associates on the Board of Supervisors.

He will be replaced by Lawton Culver, owner of the Checkerboard Tavern on Carverton Road. Rate of pay for the new Roadmaster will be \$2. per hour, a raise of 20c per hour above the amount received by Smith and considerably more than the \$100 salary that Smith offered to do the job for.

Although more than 50 taxpayers attended the reorganization meeting of the Supervisors at the Township Building Tuesday night, none was permitted by the Chairman to voice an opinion or word of protest.

The dismissal comes at an unfortunate time for Mr. Smith whose family has been plagued by serious illness for several months and whose age will make it difficult for him to obtain other employment.

Reimbursement For Buses  
Dallas School District will receive reimbursement from the State of \$35,293.74 for bus transportation of students for 1960-61.

## James Besecker Moves Offices

### In New And Larger Quarters In Dallas

Faith in the future of Dallas is exemplified by James Besecker, who moved his Real Estate Offices to a newly purchased and redecorated building across Main Street from his former quarters in the Gregory Building, completing the move during the holidays.

On Wednesday, Jim opened the doors of his mahogany paneled first floor office, Phyllis Pope, Shavertown, is his secretary.

The former Henry - the Jeweler building is a natural for Mr. Besecker's twelve-year old Real Estate and Insurance business, easy of access from bank and store parking lots, and with no stairs to climb. Jim has been one of the foundation stones of the community ever since the mid-twenties, serving his town as Fire Chief for years, and as a Borough Council member.

## Sixteen-Pound Ball Smashes Big Toe.

A sixteen pound bowling ball, swinging from the finger of a bowler returning to his place at Crown Imperial Bowling Lanes Thursday night, smashed the toe of a spectator.

Mrs. Helen Bolton, sitting it out instead of bowling with the Bolton Diner team, will be sitting it out for at least four more weeks, while the team goes on without her. X-Rays at Nesbit Hospital, after examination by Dr. H. G. Gallagher, showed a bad fracture of the big toe of the left foot. Mrs. Bolton is getting about painfully on crutches.

## Vivian Replaces Banks On Authority Board

John Vivian, of Lehman, replaces Benjamin Banks on the Lehman Authority Board. Action was taken by Road Supervisors the Friday before Christmas.

## East Dallas Is Leading League With Five Straight Victories

East Dallas maintained its supremacy over the rest of the Church League Saturday night dumping Shavertown 49-43 for its fifth victory in as many starts. Huntsville presented Harveys Lake with its second defeat 67-55 and moved into undisputed second place with a 4-1 record, and Prince of Peace broke into the win column at the expense of St. Therese's beating the Saints by a lopsided 49-28, (which is, incidentally, one of the lowest point-productions ever put out by a Church League team.)

In the first game, which pitted St. Therese's against Prince Of Peace, it looked as though the Saints should have stayed home as they couldn't even buy a goal. After taking a one-point lead at the end of the first quarter, Prince of Peace threw a man-to-man defense against the Saints, and that, along with a devastating fast break, proved to be the downfall of the losers. The Saints were able to score but one field goal in both the second and the final periods. For the winners, Jim Thomas was the offensive star as he dumped in 20 points, and Bob Coolbaugh, who stood out with his rebounding, hit for 11 points. For the losers, Pete Letts had five of his team's nine goals, and was high scorer with 11 points.

The second game, saw East Dallas squeeze by a determined Shavertown five, probably the best game of the evening. Shavertown led many times throughout the contest, but each time a goal or two by East Dallas' center Bill Lewis closed the gap. Wes Evans, who up to this point in the season averaged 22 points per game, was able to score but 8 points as Stan Davis did a remarkable job guarding the star rebounder. Bill Lewis, primarily a rebounder rather than a scorer, proved that he could come through with the points when needed, and ended up high with 17 counters. For the losers, three men scored in the double figures, led by Bill Oney's 13 and Bob Hontz's 12 and Don Rome's 10 each. Frank Tenca was second for East Dallas with 10 points.

In the final game, Huntsville, looking stronger each game, led Harveys Lake at nearly every point and won by 12 points, 67-55. It was the fine playmaking and rebounding of Huntsville that spelled the difference. Several times Don Fossedal was hit with a perfect pass right under the basket and hit for a quick two-pointer. However, Len "Pooch" Kzik, who played a fabulous game both offensively and defensively, was high scorer for the winners with 25 points. Fossedal was next with 16 and Clint Brobst has 10. Bob Berlew, who also was a big help with his rebounding, put in two goals in the third quarter when they were needed badly to prevent the Lakers from closing the gap. Dale Shales was the high point-maker for the losers with 21 points.

## Dallas Outdoor Theatre Sold To Richard A. Fox

Dallas Outdoor Theatre has been sold to Richard A. Fox, owner of Fox Drive-In Theatres, with headquarters in Reading.

The sale was consummated in November, and the former corporation liquidated.

Officers were: John Coon, president; Vern Groff, vice president; A. Harden Coon, treasurer; Thomas Graham, secretary.

## Richardson's Home Entered

### Sunday Thieves Take Ring And Cuff Links

Sneak thieves entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Richardson on Terrace Drive sometime Sunday afternoon between 3 and 5:45 and made off with a college ring and cuff links belonging to their son Bob.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and son Jimmy were in Fleetville visiting Mr. Richardson's mother at the time, but Bob had been home until 3 o'clock when he went out with some friends. Returning home at 5:30 he turned on the kitchen light, picked up some keys and went to the Richardson Showrooms on Lake Street to look after the fires.

When he returned home about twenty minutes later, he smelled burning matches. Investigating, he found that thieves had entered through a cellar door, gone to his bedroom where they burned several matches while going through his dresser. The only things known to be missing are the college rings and cufflinks although other items may have been picked up.

Bob thinks the thieves probably were in the house when he lit the kitchen light and were scared away. Chief of Police Russell Honeywell is investigating.

## Panel To Study Language Goals

### English Teachers To Answer Questions

Richard Demmy, chairman of Citizens Committee for Better Schools, announces the next meeting for Monday at 7:45 p.m. in Room I, Dallas Senior High School. Subject for discussion is the continuing study of students' preparation for advanced education, will be English.

Dr. Irvin Jacobs, chairman of the Study Committee, will be moderator. On the panel will be English teachers: Miss Dorothy Guerra, Chester N. Molley, and Mrs. Teresa Rutkowski from the Senior High School; George Domek, William E. Price, Miss Judith Richards, Mrs. Guida M. Taylor and Mrs. Theresa Shiner from the Junior High School. Questions from the floor will be requested to clarify details of what is now taught, future goals, and students' progress in English. Officers will be elected. Proposed by the nominating committee under chairmanship of Mrs. Thomas Slater are: chairman, Morris Slater; vice-chairman, program, Dr. Irvin Jacobs; vice-chairman, public relations, Mrs. Paul Rodda; secretary, Mrs. Morris Slater.

Nominations remain open. Contact Mrs. Vernon or Richard Demmy. Parents and students interested in preparation for advanced education are urged to attend.

## House To Be Moved

Sometime today, the Roberts home on lower Main Street, is going to be moved one block up the hill to its new location on the corner of Main and Orchard Streets. Three rubber-tired heavy duty dollies are already in place under the two-story house, which now rests at the edge of the property next door to Tommy Noon's Garage. The road has been extensively asked ready for the haul. It is not expected to take more than an hour, once the street is blocked off.

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	g	f	pts.
Coolbaugh, f.	5	1	11
Allabaugh, g.	3	1	7
Richardson, Bob, f.	1	1	3
Major, f.	0	1	1
Richardson, Tom, g.	2	3	7
Thomas, c.	8	4	20
Ohlman, c.	0	0	0
	19	11	49

	g	f	pts.
Letts, c.	5	1	11
Yeisley, c.	1	2	4
Bolton, f.	4	1	9
Hogan, g.	1	0	2
Purvin, g.	1	2	4
Derhammer, f.	1	4	6
	9	10	28

	g	f	pts.
Wagner, g.	0	0	0
Lasher, c.	0	0	0
Evans, f.	3	2	8
Shelley, g.	3	1	7
Tenca, g.	5	0	10
Lewis, c.	7	3	17
Lamoreaux, f.	3	1	7
	21	7	49

	g	f	pts.
Rome, c.	4	2	10
Dymond, g.	0	0	0
Oney, Bill, g.	6	1	13
Edward, f.	1	0	2
Newman, g.	0	0	0
Davis, g.	4	0	8
Hontz, f.	5	0	10
	20	3	43

	g	f	pts.
Strausser, f.	1	0	2
Dietz, G. f.	1	0	2
Dietz, L. g.	2	0	4
Fossedal, f.	8	0	16
Kozick, c.	10	5	25
Brobst, Ch. g.	2	0	4
Brobst, Clint, g.	4	2	10
Berlew, c.	2	0	4
	30	7	67

	g	f	pts.
Hinkle, c. f.	4	1	9
Shales, c.	9	3	21
Searloss, g.	1	0	2
Harris, g.	1	2	4
Winston, c.	0	3	0
Brost, f.	3	0	6
Crispell, f.	3	0	6
Price, f.	0	0	0
	21	6	48

## Pennsylvania's Greatest Farm Show Will Open Monday Morning

### Hundreds Of Local People Plan To Attend And Scores Will Have Exhibits

Harrisburg.—Pennsylvania's mammoth State Farm Show—14 acres under one roof—is the largest mid-winter agricultural exposition of this type to be found anywhere in the world.

The 46th annual show opens at eight o'clock Monday morning, January 8, and continues through Friday, January 12. During the five days and four evenings well upwards of a half million people will enter the doors.

How many more than a half million depends in part on the weather. If the weather is normal for January it is pretty certain the all-time attendance record of 685,000 people, established in 1952, will be smashed.

There are several reasons for this. The chief one is that this is also recognized as the best balanced exposition of this kind to be found anywhere.

This show has much more than its physical dimensions to attract visitors. It features every phase of agriculture, rural culture and rural living. It blends entertainment with the more serious aspects in just the right proportions to stimulate the interest of everyone, urban and young and old.

This time the educational aspects are perhaps being featured more than at any time in the 46 year history. This is so because the "Century of Progress" theme is a salute to all land grant colleges and universities in the nation including the territory of Puerto Rico.

It was in 1862 that the Morrill Land Grant college act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Lincoln.

The Commonwealth's only land grant educational institution is Pennsylvania State University. Only a few states have more than one.

Penn State with its nine colleges and a graduate college located on a 200-acre campus, and with hundreds of acres of experimental farms which are part of the College of Agriculture, is being accorded special honors.

Always Has Role  
The preparations for the State Farm Show are almost a year-round operation. But it is in the last several weeks before the opening date that the big push comes.

The most modern