

## Lone Lake Highway Bid Good If Equal To Cost Estimate

### Study Auction In Abington

#### Former Dallas Man To Lead Endeavor

Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is serving as a model for a first all-out effort to raise money for expansion of the Community Library, Abington.

The Abington attempt will be held June 28 and 29 at Clark Summit-Abington High School parking lot.

General Chairman for this endeavor, working from firsthand experience plus research, is Michael E. Kuchta, former Dallas resident and district manager of Commonwealth Telephone.

Last week he lectured at a meeting of the Abington Library Association on the workings of the Back Mountain affair, according to the Abington Journal.

Kuchta visited at the Dallas Post early in December, and asked Howard Risley to tell him anything he knew about auction economics. He visited other past chairmen too, and then imparted what he had learned to the Association.

According to the Journal, "Those present at the meeting were agreed that there is no reason why a community auction should not meet with success locally and that while the Abingtons lack experience, it is possible to overcome that disadvantage by enthusiasm and hard work. Mr. Kuchta received plenty of assurance that he will have sincere help when and as needed."

## Large Truck Averts Crash

### Post Office Window Saved From Impact

The Superintendent of Mails, Shavertown Branch Post Office, and postal patrons were amazed Thursday afternoon to look out and see a car headed directly for the front plate glass window.

A tractor-trailer stopped the vehicle from advancing, without inflicting serious injury or much damage to the automobile.

The sedan, driven by Mrs. Caroline Caperton, Franklin Street, Dallas, was on its way toward Wilkes-Barre, when a car in front suddenly turned right without warning.

She lost control of the car temporarily and it veered to the left, across the highway.

The Tunkhannock-bound tractor trailer, owned and driven by Wallace G. Serbert, Tonawanda, N. Y., was heavily loaded.

Onlookers were high in their praise of the trucker's ability in controlling the large vehicle, after being hit by the car owned by Albert H. Cawley, also of Franklin Street, Dallas, who was a passenger.

Damage was slight, the left front headlight of the trailer being broken and the right front wheel and fender of the automobile damaged.

Passengers were shaken but not injured. Car was towed away by Clyde Birth.

## Bags Record-Sized Boar In Japan



Sergeant Ronald Long, son of Charles Long, retired lumberman and miner, Ross Center, shows off the monster boar he bagged in Japan, the biggest ever seen in that country.

Shot down with a 30-06 rifle near the town of Naguri, the big pig weighed 225 pounds, measured thirty

### Work Could Begin In Early Spring

A lone bid of \$3,178,175 for construction of the new Dallas-Luzerne Highway will most certainly be accepted soon, if it matches actual costs, says Robert F. Riley, Department of Highways district engineer.

Official authorization from Harrisburg means that construction can begin in 60 days, and word is only days in the offing, according to the engineer. Quick decision is necessary to allow time for readvertisement of bids if necessary. Riley's office feels that the bid by Central Construction Company, Hazleton, and estimated costs are about equal, and called the lone bid "within reason." The Harrisburg office usually consults district engineers on such decisions.

Readvertisement for further bidding, in the event of departmental rejection, would not necessarily be unrealistic, according to Riley, as there are a number of companies qualified for the job if they want it. On a recently accepted Central Pennsylvania bid of \$4,500,000, there were nine other applicants for the contract.

Senator Harold Flack in Harrisburg appraised of possibility of delay in awarding the contract, promised to press the Department for quick acceptance. But the most the Senator can do, according to Riley, is to show the Harrisburg office necessity of quick decision one way or the other.

Two bids on a section of Antrim Expressway were recently rejected, and bidding was readvertised, because neither one met the estimates. Riley said he did not see an analogous situation here.

Two construction seasons spanning two years are foreseen to be the time needed to complete the 4.6 mile stretch of four-lane highway. When complete, the road will provide quick traveling surface from the edge of Kingston Township south of O'Malia Laundry to several hundred feet above the intersection of Routes 309 and 118 on the Tunkhannock Highway.

As there is no possible detour on the proposed route, much of the contractor's time will be taken just guiding heavy traffic through the construction during rush hours and handling Harveys Lake summer traffic.

The Highway Department is not planning to investigate and report on possible alternate routes into the Back Mountain, but hopes the motor clubs will examine this.

Bidding specifications call for a divided highway consisting of reinforced concrete 24 feet in width on each side of a four foot divider, including three reinforced concrete conduits, one reinforced concrete retaining wall, and one twin metal pipe arch. The project also calls for the widening of 14,285 feet of existing pavement, construction of two bridges and the extension of five existing spans.

### FLACK'S LINE TO BUREAU, OFFER, OPEN BUT UNUSED

Numerous queries asking why the services of Senator Harold Flack were not used in the recent postal crisis in Kingston Township brought this reply from district's senator:

"I have a direct line to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Harrisburg. My offer to send self-addressed envelopes which would have received top priority for residents upon reaching the bureau was not accepted."

### Seven Fire Phones Installed Tuesday

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### Idetown Fire Company Plans Installation

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Officers: President, Edward Gilmer, vice president, Ernest Fritz, secretary, Ralph Snyder, treasurer, George Adams, financial secretary, John Chesnovich, fire chief, Walter Meade, assistant fire chief, Jack Cave, fire captain, James Casterline.

The company announces that the skating rink opposite the fire hall is in excellent condition and open to children of the area. Next meeting will be held on Friday, February 1 at 8 p.m.

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## Council Unanimous For 1963 Budget

Borough Council approved a temporary budget of \$44,883.93 for 1963, open to public inspection for ten days, at an adjourned meeting Tuesday night.

Added expenses, assumed above last year's budget, included a token gift of \$100 to the library and a sum of \$200 to the Planning Commission, balanced by an increase of the Real Estate Transfer tax total of \$5,500.

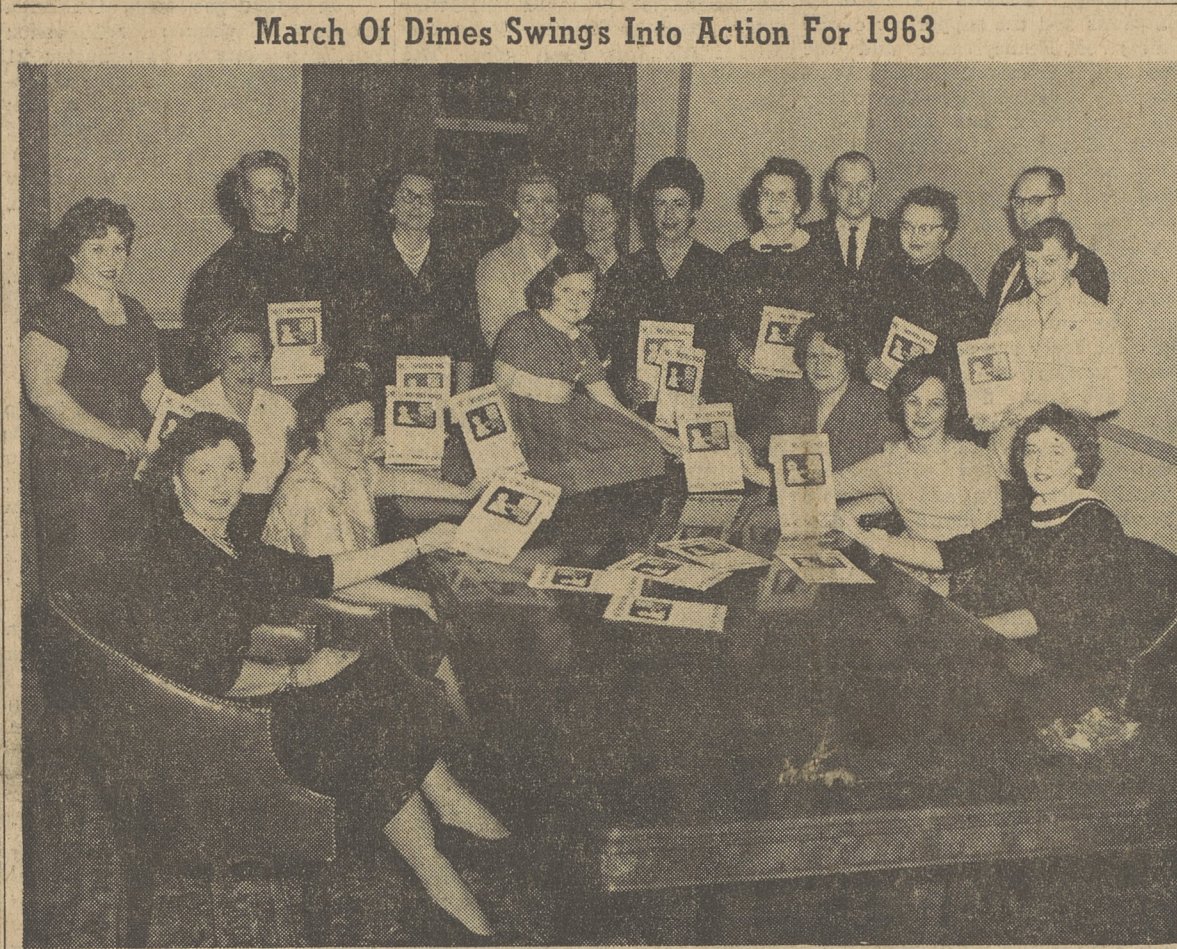
All salaries and wages were continued as per 1962, excepting the Police Chief's, increased \$100, and police car expenditure, raised to \$600 per year.

It was announced by secretary Robert Brown that the bill from Marvel Company and Paul Shaver for traffic light repair came to \$750, \$250 less than was set aside when the system failed during an early snow-storm.

Total expected receipts for the year are \$45,083.93.

## Car Inspection

Car inspection deadline is January 31. Get your car inspected now, before the last minute rush.



March Of Dimes Swings Into Action For 1963

## Brief Area Blackout Follows Squirrel-Fry

When a squirrel incinerated itself on a high tension wire at the Truckville substation of United Gas Improvement Company Wednesday morning, causing an arc of blue fire the resulting blackout lasted only half an hour, though damage, according to James Brownlee, was extensive and costly.

A mobile substation swung into action.

Power was switched through Carverton sub-station, and within half an hour Fernbrook, Truckville, and parts of Shavertown were supplied with electricity furnaces humming again, electric clocks purring.

Duke Isaacs, next door to the substation, was the first to report trouble and within minutes the office in Kingston was besieged with calls.

All that was left of the squirrel was a bit of scorched grey fur and a fragment of tail.

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## Dan Flood To Be Toastmaster For Award Dinner

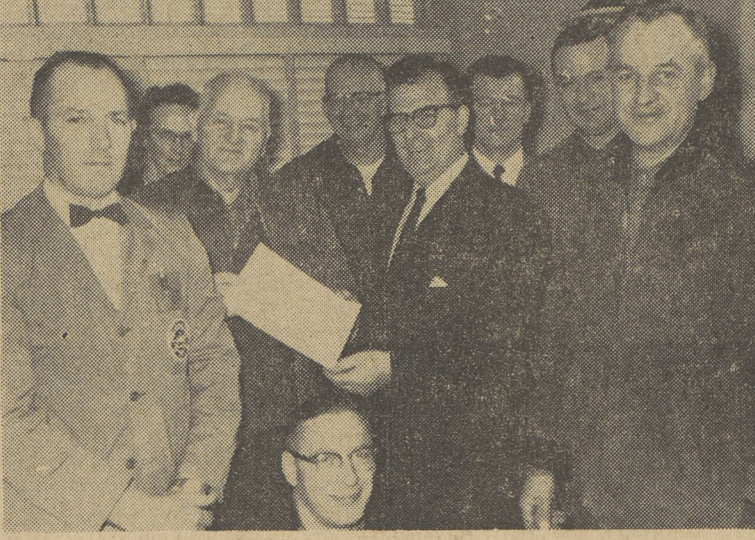
### Father Kane Honored As Man Of The Year

Congressman Daniel J. Flood will be toastmaster at the Back Mountain Protective Association Dinner when it presents its Community Service Award to Reverend Francis A. Kane, Pastor of the Gate of Heaven Church, it was announced by Attorney James Lenahan Brown, President of the Association. The dinner will be held Tuesday evening, February 19, at Irem Temple Country Club. The Community Service Award is being presented to Reverend Francis A. Kane because of his outstanding community service to the Back Mountain area of Luzerne County.

Serving on the dinner committee are Rev. Robert D. Yost, arrangements; Robert Laux, dinner chairman; Charles Glawe, tickets; Dr. F. Budd Schooley, reception; Frank Wadas, program; Mrs. Elizabeth Wallo, entertainment.

Plans for the dinner will be taken up at the regular monthly meeting of the Back Mountain Protective Association tonight at 8 at the Back Mountain Library Annex.

## Sheldon Drake Retires From Post Office



After almost thirty-eight years of service, Sheldon H. Drake, rural carrier of Dallas Post Office retired December 27, 1962. Mr. Drake has carried R. D. 2 and R. D. 3 out of the local Post Office since he began his association with the Post Office in November, 1925.

A Veteran of World War I, Mr. Drake is a member of American Legion Post 672, Dallas, and the Dallas Methodist Church. He is married to the former Mildred Shaver of Dallas. They have two children, Fred Drake and Mrs. Ruth Wassermann.

## Five Noxen Dogs Die Of Poison

### Two Other Dogs Among Missing

Pet dogs were dropping like flies in Noxen on Tuesday, as a dog poisoner spread his bait, distributing small chunks of fresh beef impregnated with what is presumably arsenic.

Five dogs were dead by the end of the day, two missing. Joseph Malbone's harmless little Spitz, stiffening in death, was taken to Dr. Robert Post, who found massive hemorrhage of the lungs, and the remains of fresh meat in the stomach.

Oscar Hacking lost a collie; Calvin Strohl a large shepherd dog; Howard Keller a small beagle; Warren Newell a hound.

Nik Fritz's hound, eight years old and the family pet, staggered into the Noxen post office. Mrs. Guy Fritz poured milk down him, in an effort to neutralize the poison, but he took off, heedless of calls to come back, and disappeared.

Always before, when in pain, he brought his hurt paws to Mrs. Fritz for comfort.

Edgar Engelman's Spitz also vanished. Heavy snow on Wednesday hindered the search.

A schoolboy, walking along Main Street, found a small packet of fresh meat, obviously doctored. He burned it.

State Police recommended getting in touch with Leo Carr, Dog Inspector in Towanda, and the SPCA.

Heard frequently around Noxen has been the statement, "We've got too many dogs around here. Just wait."

Mrs. Mary J. Parkhurst, chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Sicher and Mrs. Robert Botsford, co-chairman of the Back Mountain Area, are shown with their Captains planning the 1963 March of Dimes campaign for the Wyoming Valley Chapter of The National Foundation.

Standing, left to right: Mrs. T. Budd, W. Dallas; Mrs. Edwin T. Roth and Mrs. Joseph F. Schneider, Dallas; Miss Pamela Calkins, Oak Hill; Miss Marilou Hunt, Lehman and Franklin Twp; Miss Elaine Hunt, Lehman and Mrs. George H. Thomas, Dallas.

St anding, left to right: Mrs. Harold Schooley; Dallas; Mrs. Malcolm Nelson, Harvey's Lake; Mrs. Robert Botsford, co-chairman; Mrs. Mary J. Parkhurst, chairman; Mrs. Stuart P. Marks, Lehman; Mrs. Dorothy Sicher, co-chairman; Mrs. William Calkins, Idetown; Robert L. Jones, Mrs. F. Edgar Kudlick, executive secretary; Vincent Yerabeck and Mrs. Robert L. Jones.

Other captains are; Mrs. Robert Tippett, Truckville; Mrs. Richard Stauffer, Shavertown; Mrs. Car. Goeringer, E. Dallas; Mrs. Joseph Hughes, Jr., Huntsville.

Mrs. Parkhurst and Mrs. Kudlick briefed the group on the importance of the 25th Anniversary March of Dimes campaign. "Our campaign theme this year is 'Give for the Life of a Child,'" said Mrs. Kudlick.

"Through contributions of the American people, March of Dimes supported research developed the Salk and Sabin vaccines, and polio has been eliminated as a threat to the lives and well-being of children all over the world, even though millions of dollars are still needed to aid those stricken in former years."

Now we are striving to help the 250,000 infants and children born every year in the United States with significant birth defects, and the 11 million Americans — including thousands of children-afflicted with some form of arthritis or rheumatic disease."

The March of Dimes has already helped finance more than 50 treatment centers for birth defects, arthritis and polio in many parts of the country, where teams of medical specialists provide early diagnosis and comprehensive medical care.

## Film "Teenage Rock"

The film "Teenage Rock" will be shown Saturday evening at Little Theatre building, Wilkes-Barre. Bus leaves Shavertown Shopping Center at 7. Dallas Junior School won the trophy for attendance last time, putting it on display in the trophy case.

## Kiwanis LECTURED On Phone Service

Dallas Kiwanis Club heard Jack Landis, manager of Commonwealth Telephone Company, last Wednesday evening. Mr. Landis spoke about the proposed extension of service in the area, sketching the background of toll-free service to Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, and emphasizing benefits to be obtained by the change.

He showed a film on how messages and TV are transmitted by Tel-Star, courtesy of the Bell Telephone Company.

Two visitors were introduced: Sam Davis, from the Kingston-Forty-Fort Kiwanis, and Robert Jones, from the Wilkes-Barre club.

## Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

### George Shupp Dies After Ice-Fishing

George Shupp, Dallas organizer of the Shupp Bowling League and Back Mountain Neighborhood League, suffered a fatal heart attack at Lake Wallenpaupack Monday morning, while walking to his car after fishing through the ice. Collapsing against a tree, he died almost instantly.

His fishing companion, Richard Lewis of Wyoming telephoned the family.

Mr. Shupp, 63, had suffered a previous heart attack, which dictated his retirement last year from Pennsylvania Power and Light, where he had worked for thirty-two years. He had also given up hunting as too strenuous, but continued to fish.

A native of Kansas, he was son of the late Fred and Mary Edwards Shupp. He spent most of his life in the Back Mountain, where he was well known in the field of sports. He was the first Little League umpire in the area, and was president of the Bi-County Baseball League.

His first wife, Sarah Phillips of West Wyoming, died in 1944.

He leaves his widow, the former Ruth Gordon; these children: Fred and Mrs. Elizabeth Cyphers, both of Dallas; Harold, with the U. S. Navy in Bermuda; Mrs. Doris Cyphers, Carverton; brothers, Clarence, Noxen; Henry, Kunkle; Theodore, Greenwood Lake, N. Y.; sisters, Mrs. Anna Dennis, Wyoming; Mrs. Grace Warner, Caldwell, N.J.; a stepson, Charles Weed U. S. Navy at New York; ten grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m. from the Disque Funeral Home, Rev. William Watson officiating. Burial will be at Carverton. Friends may call this afternoon or evening.

## Heavy Snow Wednesday

Heavy snow Wednesday afternoon slicked the roads, caused many near misses as evening traffic started and cars failed to make the hills.

## Re-Elected By Savings And Loan Association



JOHN T. MACKENROW WALTER S. BLACK

## Civil War Roundtable Discusses Slavery Issue

Members of Back Mountain Civil War Roundtable, Thursday evening were fascinated with the "Portfolio of Civil War Prints" shown by John Ney, Richard Garman president.

The slavery issue was one of the chief topics of discussion. Program planning for future meetings promises to be of great interest to Civil War students.

The group voted to make a presentation to the Library in memory of Howard Risley, one of its most dedicated members. A gift from Mrs. Betty Rafter, Miami, Florida was received for this purpose.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garman, Mrs. Thomas Heffernan, Thomas Cully, John Ney, Mrs. Dana Crump, Major Edgar Post, and Carl Goeringer.

## Cub Scout Banquet

Annual Blue and Gold banquet of Cub Scout Pack 233 will be held Tuesday, February 5, at Shavertown Methodist Church.

## Mad Or Drunk Burglar Wrecks Store, Garage

### Neatly Lift \$335 From Restaurant; Find Suspect Truck

Madness or alcohol in his method, combined with knowledge of the premises, characterized the work of the burglar who pillaged Caddie La-Bar's store and garage, and robbed Orchard Farms Restaurant, Memorial Highway, early Sunday morning.

Although police and owners differed as to whether the "m.o.'s" of each instance indicated a single party's efforts and whether they matched several similar attempts in Wilkes-Barre over the weekend, it was plain that the robberies took place within a few hours of each other.

A truck stolen the same night from a Wilkes-Barre gas station, and used to transport goods taken from the same premises, was found Tuesday abandoned in Stroudsburg. Tires, cigarettes, and other contraband were still in it, but nothing to link it with area robberies. The vehicle had a flat tire.

Both attempts, which resulted in a total of \$385, 77 automobile inspection stickers, a shotgun, ammunition, cigarettes, and lots of pointless wreckage, were made on relatively open ground. Both points of entry were close to important highways.

In fact, all the lights in Caddie's building were on all night, and the thieves turned on his gas pumps as well.

Whether they were in league or not, the burglars were well informed, not only as to which drawers to find loot in, but, as one borough policeman reflected, just where police would be at the time.

At Caddie's, they knocked out an eight foot pane of glass fronting the highway, walked in, and cleaned \$50 out of the till. No experts, they took the cheaper of two shotguns, and some .22 shells.

They knew which pane of glass to knock out of the garage door to reach the electric switch, which drawer to pound the look from. In the drawer were 77 state inspection stickers, consecutively numbered. The latter fact led police and employees Robert Rinken, who opened the wrecked shop at 7, to believe that the perpetrators were either impossibly think or else drunk. All tags are easily traceable.

Unlike the robbery at Orchard Farms Restaurant, where entry was quickly gained by breaking a kitchen window, and where \$335 was neatly lifted from a drawer without excessive disturbance, according to cashier Linda Houlihan, the deed at Caddie's was almost all destruction.

Said Caddie, who has had three robberies this year, and as many in one month last year: "They wrecked more than they took." In their wake they left a broken thermostat, two broken windows, ripped telephone wires, shelves wiped clean, punctured antifreeze cans, smashed cigarette and soda machines, and a coin-box floating in the lavatory.

Patrolman John Berti checked both premises around 11:30, and Cliff Foss, off-duty, noticing a truck parked outside Caddie's, stopped on his way home at 1 a.m. to look it over. It had been there for several days.

Reflecting sadly on the seemingly irresistible quality their store has for thieves, Caddie and her LaBar are considering getting a watchdog or an alarm system.

In Wyoming Valley early Sunday morning, thieves stole a truck from Decker's Gas Station, 54 South Washington Street, to carry away goods also taken from the establishment. Eleven tires, a battery charger, cigarette machine, and change were missing. Entry was gained by smashing a window.

Another window was smashed at Petroleum Service Station, 49 Dana Street, Wilkes-Barre, and burglars stole \$1,238 worth of office equipment, later jettisoned in the snow near Giants Despair Hill, after an evidently unsuccessful attempt to convey it to a hiding place.

Investigation of the Dallas crimes is being carried on by State Police Sergeant Richard Klick and Corporal Sylvester Orlando, Police Chief Russell Honeywell and Patrolman Charles Lamoreaux.

## Show-Boat Minstrel Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the forthcoming Show Boat Minstrel, to be staged by Irem Temple Chanters January 28 at Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, may be obtained by calling Mrs. Lloyd Rogers, Greenleaf 7-2631. The production is for the benefit of Luzerne County Mental Health Association.

Mrs. Rogers, Meeker, is on the staff at Irem Temple Hospital. She reports that the Luzerne County organization needs funds to carry on its work of educating the public.