

## Deer Poaching And Secret Agent Intrigue End As Burnat Loses \$3200 Fines, \$6300 Cadillac

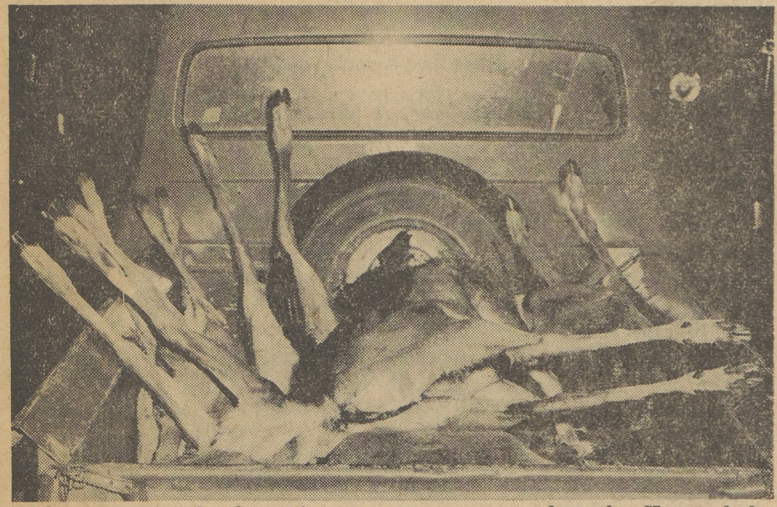


photo by Kozemchak

In contrast with the quiet proceedings against his partner, Dale Oney, the hearing Tuesday for young, well-heeled Richard M. Burnat, West River Street, Wilkes-Barre, convicted of a Cadillac full of deer violations and fined \$3200, was peppered with dispute.

Burnat's lawyer, Maurice Cantor, fairly hopped in his seat to regale Squire Leonard Harvey with procedural haggling, concluding the review of each charge—and there were ten of them, with the same defense, and not a bad one, at that.

Game Commission undercover agents Gerald Kirkpatrick and Maynard Sembower, Cantor said, egged Burnat on in his killing and selling deer during November near Oney's at Laketon. Thus he raised the old defense of "Entrapment," which the law defines roughly as an admission of the crime, but a protest that encouragement by police lessens the guilt.

Game Commission is fighting the "Entrapment" defense by invoking a statute which permits them to buy deer meat in order to capture poachers.

Through the hearing Burnat, 29, who lives on W. River St., remained calm, occasionally coaching his lawyer, secure in the knowledge that an appeal would be taken. The only thing that worried him was the presence of Jim Kozemchak's camera, and he feared the photographer was waiting for his exit from the Borough Building. He stood behind the partly open door until his lawyer came, then left with coat over his head.

## Daring Douses Expensive Fire

### Twenty-Three Hams, \$200 Controls Lost

Billows of raging smoke pouring from the chimney of his Memorial Highway smokehouse caught the eye of Ray Daring at 10:15 Saturday night, allowing him to keep a rampart fire from completely destroying the building.

He extinguished the flames, which were running up the walls and ceiling with a hose, but twenty-three hams burned up.

The adjacent supermarket was not damaged by the fire, but the smokehouse temperature controls worth \$200 were destroyed.

Ray hoped to have his smokehouse back in operation by the middle of the week, with a new set of controls on order Air Freight.

When he returned to the store Sunday morning, Ray found the ceiling still burning, and immediately called Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, which came and put out the blaze for good.

Having closed his place at 9 p.m., Daring and John Thomas were driving by about an hour later when Ray noticed the strange smoke, not at all like that of an ordinary smoke house. He ran in, turned off the gas in the cellar, and sprayed water on the hot metal handle of the smokehouse door. He then put out the fire.

Probable cause was overheating of the room, and consequent combustion of grease in the sawdust on the floor.

## Dallas Legion To Fete Kiddies

Dallas American Legion will hold its annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 21, at 2 p.m. at the Legion home Memorial Highway, Dallas.

Commander George Cave has appointed the following committees: Chairman Bernard McDermott; tickets, Curtis Byon; refreshments, Gus Shuleski.

Singing will be led by Dave Joseph. The Legion will decorate a Christmas tree this year in front of the Legion Home in memory of Past Commander James Davenport.

All children in the Back Mountain Area are invited to the party. Santa Claus will be on hand, and refreshments will be served.

**DALLAS - TO - DALLAS FUND**  
Total of \$47.85, including \$41.15 for the family of Lee Harvey Oswald, was netted for the Dallas-to-Dallas Fund for the J. D. Tippit family.

offense, Cantor continually pressed Kirkpatrick to build a case for the "Entrapment." At one point, he cryptically asked him if he were ever in a Kingston barber shop? The officer said no.

In later visits, the night of the 25th, morning of the 26th, night of the 29th, morning of the 30th, procedure was much the same, with the addition of Sembower, brought along as an extra witness. Sometimes they hit deer, and sometimes they missed, but even an attempt is a crime. Areas visited in the night included Newell Wood's and "Crisman Pines."

One night when the take was not adequate, the group went to Burnat's cottage at Point Breeze, where they removed several deer stored in the cellar. The weekend of the 29th and 30th, the shooting was poor, resulting in "attempt" charges. Car used this time was Dale Oney's Pontiac, which Cantor and Burnat enthusiastically pointed out to the Squire was not impounded.

At one point, Kirkpatrick said, Burnat removed masking tape from his license-plate light after a night's shooting.

Game protector Ed Gdosky arrested Burnat early the morning of November 30, and informations were signed against him to be presented before the nearest Justice of the Peace who would agree to handle the case.

In addition to his defense on grounds of "Entrapment," Cantor fought, unsuccessfully, to have the Game Commission's charges for separate offenses on nights that continued into the next calendar day, and the demand for a doubled fine for each subsequent offense.

He also referred continually to the appeal he was going to make to a higher court.

After Harvey supposedly forgot to ask the defense formally if he rested his case for the information of November 21, Cantor noted enthusiastically that this omission was on record and would be noted on appeal, although it was not apparent that Burnat had been denied his rights.

Cantor told the Dallas Post at the end of the hearing that, on course the defense of "Entrapment" admits the acts of killing, attempting to kill, spotlighting, and the other charges, so the defense would be solely on what part the secret agents had played.

Witnesses said Cantor threatened photographer James Kozemchak's camera prior to the hearing.

## Rifle Shot Shatters School Bus Window

A rifle bullet shattered the rear window of a Ross Township school bus Monday morning at 8, spraying the floor with broken glass and endangering the lives of grade school children.

Provisionally, it was a cold morning, and the twenty children already picked up by the time Russell Lamoreaux's bus reached the shale pit near Suttiff's store in Bloomingdale, had huddled close to the front of the bus to warm themselves at the heater.

They saw the five deer bound up from the shale pit, saw them suddenly scatter, but did not hear the bullet over the purr of the heater. It was not until Mr. Lamoreaux stopped for his next installment of children that anybody realized the bus had been hit.

State Police and Game Commission officials were informed.

## Annual Library Meeting Jan. 30

### Librarian Reports 6,476 Circulation

Back Mountain Memorial Library directors enjoyed a social evening following Tuesday night's business session in the Library Annex.

David Schooley, president, received reports including one from the finance committee, which asked for authorization to invest funds realized from the Library Auction.

Eight new subscribers in the adult rolls, and thirty-four from the children's roster, were reported by Marian Jones, acting librarian. Circulation for November totaled 6,476, adults 2,262, children 3,814. Volunteers contributed seventy-two hours of library work.

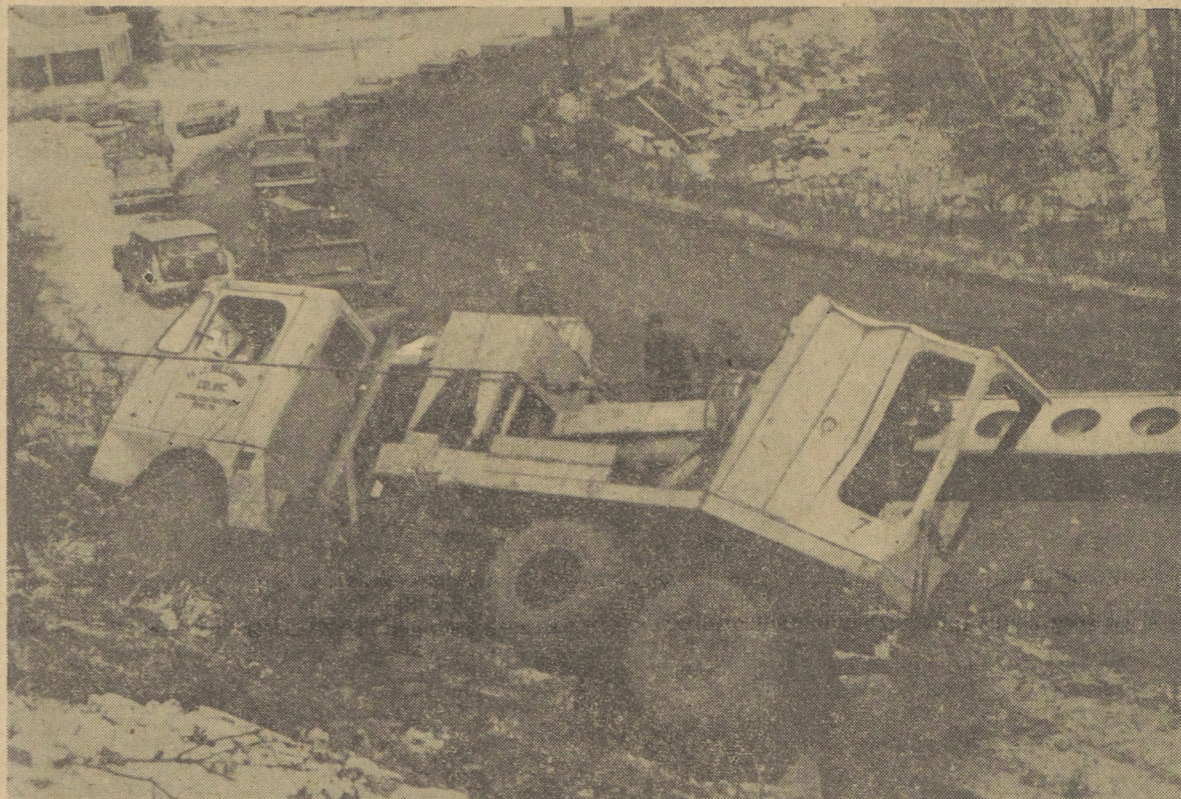
Mrs. Paul Gross reported on recent activities of the Book Club, including December election of officers.

In the department of public relations, a letter of thanks was sent to Joseph Ritts, plant manager of Wilkes-Barre division Chain and Cable in recognition of a gift of \$500 from the William T. Morris Foundation. The donation was used to purchase reference books, including a new Encyclopaedia Americana.

Annual meeting was announced for January 30, 1964, in the Annex. Election of officers will take place at this time, also election of six directors to three-year terms.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gross, Mary Frantz, Eloise Titman, and Helen Heffernan.

## Driver Jumps; Back-Hoe Drops 60 Feet To Road



This 25-ton Gradall back-hoe skidded and toppled 60 feet down a bank to land upside down on Memorial Highway just above the "big bend" last week, but the driver jumped to safety in time.

The accident, which occurred a little after 3 p.m. Thursday, held traffic in both directions for some time, as H. J. Williams crews righted the machine with a bulldozer and cable (picture).

As it slid down the hill from the top of the service road leading up to railroad tracks just above the Piedmont Inn, the monster vehicle sliced off a utility pole.

Williams men pushed the pole and live wires to the side of the road, and guarded them until UGI trucks arrived.

Driver Bob Clark said he felt the back wheels start to skid, and when the machine went over the edge, he jumped.

Williams men saw it coming, and waved cars to stop in time. The big vehicle could crush a car. Asked how much the Gradall was worth, Howard Daubenspeck, superintendent shrugged and asked: "Before or after?"

## Dr. Schooley's New Book, The Word, Is Product Of Three Years Of Work

Dr. F. Budd Schooley's book, THE WORD, is on sale. It may be purchased at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Dr. Schooley's book, in the making for three years, is a privately printed volume, slim, but packed with good red meat, its locale indicated by the maps which line the covers.

In it, he has given a cross-section of not only this community in the Back Mountain, but the larger community of the Valley, reaching up into the industrial development at Mountain Top. Many of the executives who control the destinies of those plants are residents of the Back Mountain, and what happens at Crestwood inevitably affects this area.

The book is profusely illustrated with Back Mountain scenes, old and new; Dallas in its horse and buggy days when the Raub Hotel dominated central Dallas and the railroad station did a thriving business; Dallas today, with pictures of the new high school building, and Natona and Linear plants.

Harveys Lake is immortalized in its oldtime pictures of steamboats puffing at the docks, waiting for passengers, a sharp contrast with the modern Game Commission Building.

Old Wilkes-Barre comes to life with an old engraving of the bridge, and with a picture of Public Square when it was the site of the Court-House.

Col. Dorrance Reynolds and Senator Andrew J. Sordoni have their place in the sun.

There is a picture of the library and an aerial view of College Misericordia.

Father J. J. O'Leary has a good write-up, and dozens of others who have been powers in this area or in the Valley.

Bits of philosophy garnered from Dr. Schooley's years of service to the community, stand side by side with quotations from Proverbs and the Psalms.

And everywhere there are excerpts from sermons which Dr. Schooley has given when substituting for clergymen here and in other communities.

That Dr. Schooley had a hard time deciding whether to be a doctor or a minister, is clearly indicated in his book.

It must have been a difficult choice to make . . . between the delivery of living words, and the delivery of living babies.

He has never regretted the choice . . . but words still cry for utterance.

## Editorially Speaking:

It is unbelievable that a responsible Legislature could lift Dallas Borough and Township out of its obvious voting interest with the rest of the Back Mountain, and make it the bedfellow of Nanticoke and Plymouth.

And then this pack of irresponsible "representatives," bent on building a solid vote, no matter how many communities it smashed, has the brass to separate Dallas area from the rest of its dubious district-mates by our natural neighbors, Jackson and Kingston townships, now linked with Forty Fort and Exeter.

We have shared, up to this point, a common interest with Jackson and Kingston Township, and will continue, of course, to grow with them, no matter how many coal-towns the Assembly unloads on us—no matter how much these areas demand our "Representative's" time.

We will share the growth of Jackson, Shavertown, and Trucksville. The problem is, we can't vote with them.

No one here wants this. No Republican can deny that the party seems to be walking on the voters' backs to get across a muddy road. No one, that is, with the exception of a handful of old-time political job-seekers who would deny their dogs a crust of bread to deliver a district.

The whole story is that the men behind the Redistricting plan who had any number of reasonable combinations of municipalities at their disposal in order to meet the reduced county population, weren't interested in what we want.

They were interested in delivering a sure thing next November, and the Back Mountain can go hang.

You can't blame them for looking out for their own necks. But when it comes time to vote for their ticket in November, we might ask the party leaders if they haven't forgotten somebody.

Us.

—LEIGHTON SCOTT

## Choir On Television

Lake Lehman High School Brass Choir will appear on television Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m.

The local group directed by John Miliauskas as director will be seen on Channel 28.

Mary Ann Kuchumba and Karl Squier are narrators.

Musicians are Jay Ehret, Douglas Ide, David Arendt, Richard Sarmonis, Carol Niemczyk, Charles Murphy, Darrell Loomis, Paul Nie-

goda, James Zbick and John Marchakitus. Marion Perkins, Kathy Price and Fred Valentine, Gary Hackling, Cheryl Thomas, Joseph Kernag, Gary VanSoy, Barry Ray, Marshall Shenck and Robert Wolfe, John Fielding, Bill Ehret, Tony Stefanowicz and Curt Swanson, Joe Marchakitus and Foster Bulford.

## NAMED BANK DIRECTOR

Louis Maslow, Huntsville Road, has been named a director of First National Bank or Wilkes-Barre.

## Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Dallas Ambulance took Martin Lynch College Misericordia, to Mercy Hospital Friday, Jim Perkins and Ray Titus attending.

Peter McClinchy, College, was taken to Mercy, Tuesday morning, Charles Flack and Ed Roth attending.

Kingston Township  
Mrs. Edward Husted, RD 3, Wyoming, was taken to General Hospital on Tuesday morning. Andrew Roan, Sheldon MacAvoy attending.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Natalie Jones, Harris Hill Road, to General Hospital, Harry Smith and Harold Heidel as crew.

Mrs. Mary Turay, Harris Hill Road, was taken to General Hospital Wednesday afternoon. Al Hawke and Willard Bullock attending.

## Smith Is Named Vice Chairman

### New Bids On Building Opened Last Evening

Arthur Smith was named vice president of Kingston Township Supervisors at a meeting of the board Wednesday evening.

Due to request of Housing and Finance Agency, bids for construction of a new township building were scheduled for opening Dec. 18.

Work was expected to proceed rapidly once bids were awarded. Changes in square footage, exterior trim and elimination of a basement were expected to lessen original costs by many thousands.

New bids were authorized to be placed for a dump truck. Building permit for a dry cleaning establishment in Shavertown was reported approved by the zoning members.

Board took no action on accepting Goeringer Avenue plot since it did not meet specifications. Extra lights at Pioneer Avenue and Memorial Highway were reported set up by Construction Company but carried away by vandals. Ditches on Cliffside Avenue were reported cleaned by road supervisor, Lawton Culver.

A bill from Sordoni Construction asking for taxes on pole removal was returned.

Stanley Cashmark drew attention of supervisors to recently published report of the Housing Authority which stated that it was in good financial shape and would install sidewalks at Meadowcrest. Board voted to seek payment once more in lieu of taxes since Authority which rents one hundred dwellings pays nothing to township in way of taxes.

Church Road, now purchased by State, was removed from township maintenance. Richard Mathers asked that new building have some space available for planning commission maps. Matter would be taken under advisement. Request for a stop sign at Goeringer and Franklin Streets was tabled.

Play sign request for Evergreen Street was turned over to Chief Updyke for solution. Participation in Project 70 was also tabled. A letter from Mrs. John Engler was read thanking Board for their assistance in pushing claim for her late husband's death.

## AMBULANCE CREW

Ambulance crew for the coming week: Ray Titus, captain; Jim Wertman, Len Harvey, and John Carey.

## Coin-Card Drive Nets Best Ever

### Les Tinsley Elected Ambulance President

Dallas area combined coin-card drive, benefit of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company and the Community Ambulance, netted a record \$6613.54 for the year 1963, it was announced by the chairmen today.

Kunkle, which has its own fire company, but subscribes to the Dallas Ambulance, gave \$322 for the latter alone.

Mrs. Nelson Thompson, co-chairman, said at the December meeting of the Ambulance Association that the total sum was about \$200 more than last year. She and Mrs. James Wertman, chairman, thank everyone in the community for their fine support, without which it would be impossible to maintain our emergency squads.

Chairman for next year's drive is Mrs. William Wright, and Mrs. Edward Cavan is co-chairman.

**Tinsley New President**  
Les Tinsley, one of the most tireless workers in the ambulance organization, was elected president at the meeting. Les replaces Ray Titus in the post, beginning 1964.

Vice-presidents 1, 2, and 3 are Gilbert Morris, Hayden Richards, and Leighton Scott, with Robert Besecker the new secretary, and Ed Roth treasurer.

One-year directors: Anthony Zachary, Mrs. Nelson Thompson, William Berti, and Mrs. James Wertman; two-year directors: Charles Flack, Mrs. Edward Cavan, James Wertman, and Ralph Fitch; three-year directors: Hayden Richards, William Wright, Donald Bulford, and Raymond Titus.

## Purposely Shoot Wilson Tractors

### Lumberman Offering \$100 Reward On Tip

Ted Wilson, Demunds lumberman, is offering \$100 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of a vandal who shot holes in his heavy equipment on Goodleigh Farm the first week of hunting season.

Very deliberately, the gun-happy hunter shot two holes in the radiator of four-ton skid-tractor, and one in the radiator of an eight-ton loader, both valuable tracked vehicles.

One shot was placed in the loader from the inside, according to Ted, showing that the bullets were no accident. The Wilsons will have to wait until Spring to repair the loader.

The antifreeze had drained out of the bullet-holes. No shells were in evidence on the ground around the machines, which were being used for removal of timber on the upper Demunds Road farm.

Ted discovered the vandalism December 9 when he came to work at the scene. He had been hunting the previous week.

Dallas Township and state police investigated.

From the size of the holes, says Ted, a high-powered rifle was used.

## Fatally Burned In Collision

### Services Friday For Fred Birth

Fatally burned in a New Jersey Turnpike collision of two trailer trucks near Trenton, N. J., a cousin of Clyde Birth, Dallas, and son of long-time residents of Muhlenburg, will be buried tomorrow at Bloomingdale. Friends may pay their respects to Frederick H. Birth tonight at the Bronson Funeral Home, where Rev. Roland Updyke will conduct service Friday at 2 p.m.

Mr. Birth, 31, was a passenger in the cab of the trailer truck, on his way to work at the Sanini Bros. in Trenton early Tuesday morning. Shock of the collision threw the driver from the cab, and catapulted Mr. Birth into the driver's seat where he was later found behind the wheel, so badly burned as to be unrecognizable.

The driver, Lynn Clifford, 29, told State Police that when a rear tire blew out, he pulled to the shoulder of the road, and that it was here the rear-end collision occurred. Flames enveloped the trailer truck immediately. The truck which caused the impact overturned.

Mr. Birth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Birth, had closed their home in Muhlenburg, planning to spend the winter with their son in Kennett Square.

Brought up in Muhlenburg, Mr. Birth was in the Marines, serving in Korea for eighteen months.

His wife, the former Laura Hess, survives; his parents, and two children, Frederick Jr. and Terry Ann, both at home; sisters: Mrs. Edward Sherlock, Chester, and Mrs. Betty Carter, Harrisburg.

## Siamese Engineer Is Guest Of Commonwealth In Dallas



For the past two weeks, Commonwealth Telephone Company has again been host to a foreign visitor studying telecommunications in the U.S. in the person of Tavach Mek-sawan from Thailand. Above in conference in Commonwealth's General Offices, Dallas, are, clockwise: Ronald Carruthers, Charles Glawe, George Doyle, Tavach Mek-sawan, A. J. Sordoni, Jr., La Verne Kus-savage, Myron Baker, Elmer Evenson and George Knorr.

In addition to studying telephone procedure in every department of Commonwealth's operations, Tavach visited several local institutions, in-

cluding College Misericordia.

Tavach Mek-sawan's study of Commonwealth procedure is under supervision of the Royal Thai Embassy Students' Dept. in Washington and direction of F.C.C. in cooperation with the State Department.

Mr. Mek-sawan, an electrical engineer graduate of Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, with a Masters Degree from Purdue University and a Doctorate in Electrical Engineering from Northwestern University, will return home next month. Before returning, he will visit the Gustav Hirsch Organizations in Co-

lumbus, Ohio, and Collins Radio Co., Dallas, Texas.

The Hirsch Organization is directing construction of a complete telecommunication network in Thailand, with over 500 miles of aerial and underground cable installation and a correspondingly complex microwave network. Started in November '62, Thailand's telecommunication network will be completed in August. Tavach Mek-sawan will take an executive role in the system.

Thailand in size is comparable to northeastern United States from West Virginia to northern Maine.

who has remained loyal these past two years.

Between his friends and his most attentive family, brother Bud, sisters, Barbara, Peggy and Mary Jean and of course his parents, he is well taken care of.

Being handicapped myself, I thoroughly enjoy each visit I have with him.

Fred is alive today, and knowing Fred is alive today, and knowing that, he and his family will have many Merry Christmases.

Merry Christmas, Freddie!

## Library Closed

Back Mountain Memorial Library will be closed December 24 and 25, and December 31 and January 1, giving librarians Christmas Eve and New Years Eve in addition to Christmas and New Years.

## Freddie Hennebault Will Enjoy Christmas From A Wheel-Chair

by Carol Williams

The past two years have made many changes in the life of Freddie Hennebault.

Freddie, a junior at Lake-Lehman high school, was his school's most valuable wrestler.

Then came that fateful night of January 4, 1962, when he suffered a broken neck, incurred in a wrestling match, between Lake-Lehman and Tunkhannock, which left him paralyzed.

Shortly after the accident, he was taken to Geisinger Medical Center, where he almost lost his bout with life and death, but miraculously pulled through. He remained there til mid-October, when he was transferred to the Pennsylv-

ania Rehabilitation Center in Johnstown. In March of '63, he was admitted to Magee Rehabilitation Center in Philadelphia, after submitting to a delicate operation at the University of Penna.

Freddie was released from Magee in November. Jim Harveys Lake to a home on Parrish Street, Dallas.

After operations and long hours of therapy, it is obvious Freddie has come a long way. He is able to operate his own motorized wheel chair and other things that mean slow, but lasting improvement.

His multitude of friends haven't forgotten him and visit him almost daily, the most devoted friend, Richard Williams, Harveys Lake,