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Supervisors And Car And Mail Truck Skid, Flip Off Road Council Choose Heads For 1964

Police Chiefs And Solicitors Remain As Per Past Year

B. Jeter treasurer, and Bob Brown Assistant chief of police Jesse Cosect, and that bids of two banks of secretary; John Jeter, of course, is lett. secretary; John Jeter, of course, is borough engineer and building inspector, Russell Honeywell police chief, and Robert Fleming solicitor.

Driver of the truck, which was jected as too high.

Request of John Burbeck, Idective, and Robert Fleming solicitor. Charles Lamoreaux. Andrew Perranto is street superintendent, with Frank Morgan, Kyle Cundiff, and Carl McMichael as crew.

New councilman George Thomas was sworn in, along with recently elected Bob Post, Bob Parry, and Brobst

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Fred Lamoreaux again became president of Dallas Township Board of Supervisors and Glenn Howell secretary-treasurer, while newly elected Basil Frantz became vicepresident. Frank Townend is sollicitor, Frank Lange, chief, and Stanley Gardiner, assistant chief of police force, all at same salaries as last year; Fred Lamoreaux is roadmaster with right to hire and fire . Leeting time and place remain the same. Special police: Phil Walter, Frank Gesleichter, John Gosart, Pat McGough, Ernest Reese, Les Tinsley, Fred Nicely Frank Wagner Jr., Al Hoover, and Bill

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Supervisors in Franklin Township remain in same office, Herman Coon president, reelected Philip Williams roadmaster, and Russell Race, all authorized to work on roads. A non-member, Mrs. Maude Schultheis is secretary-treasurer, Malcomb Baird, auditor, and Byron Kester, chief of police. JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Einer Lask wski is a pin president of Jackson Township Board of Suervisors, with Harold Bertram new road foreman, job previously held by Wesley Lamoreaux, and non-member Ed Jeffery, secretarytreasurer, Robert Cooper, chief, and Roland Gensell, assistant chief of police. Henry Zbick auditor, and Jonathan Valentine solicitor.

LAKE TOWNSHIP placed the late O. Biery as secretary- Mosier and Louis Palermo. trasurer. Edgar Hughes and Walbridge Leinthall are chief and as- basketball court, the Satellites looked to come. sistant chief of police, Delmar Win- a little more serious this year, tersteen, Wayne Smith, and Morris

Crisman is solicitor. LEHMAN TOWNSHIP

s now president of Lehman Township Board, with Michael Godek secretary-treasurer, and Alan Major roadmaster; Joseph Ide is chief of police, Russell Walters, lieutenant, John Major, Lionel Bulford, Roland Chester Lamoreaux, special officers. William Valentine is solicitor. KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

(see related story NOXEN TOWNSHIP

newly sworn in, Michael Traver is sign.

Osage Lodge, Lehman, following the failed to receive a second. Mr. rated as soon as forms are in.

In subsequent, skidding and loss of control, two vehicles, one a small truck, skidded on the icy highway yesterday below Harter's where rethe creek bed.

The accidents were unrelated, alpal boards reorganized Monday the truck upside down just before anticipation of 1964 taxes.

Neither driver was hurt, although board a \$200 deficit. Borough Council maintained the Mrs. Davis, an expectant mother, ac- Michael Godek said that bids are status quo, Harold Brobst as presi- cording to the emergency squad, still open for floating a \$28,000 dent, Bob Moore, vice president, W. was taken to Nesbitt Hospital by bond to finance the WPA road proj-

Berti, Ray Titus, Clifford Foss, and four-wheel drive International. | road. Owner says that he has wait-

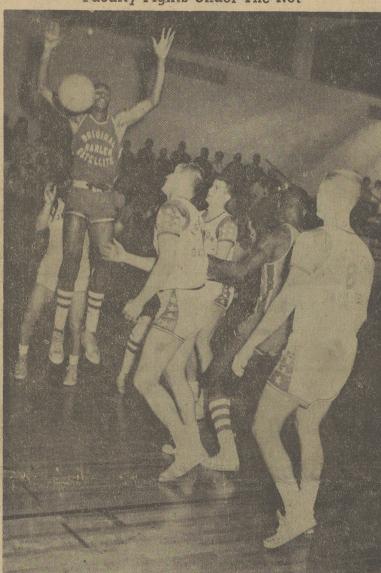
meeting Monday night. they would contact the zoning com-Also, Ben Banks, Sr., Warden mission. though Mrs. Alice Davis, 58 Harris Place, was appointed road and sani- Reason given for change of meet-Hill Road, driver of the second cas- tation inspector at a nominal salary. In the second cas- tation inspector at a nominal salary. In the second cas- tation inspector at a nominal salary. In the second cas- tation inspector at a nominal salary. In the second cas- tation inspector at a nominal salary. In the second cas- tation inspector at a nominal salary. In the second cas- tation inspector at a nominal salary.

Lehman Board To Meet Saturday;

41/2 and 5 per cent enterest were re-

Jack Berti was reappointed to the ployed by a contract carrier, Rus- a zoning commission order to stop special police force, joining Bill sell Nicholas. Vehicle was a large building his carport close to the

Faculty Fights Under The Net



Edward Crake of the North Dis- Faculty's red-hot All-Stars, who Hontz, Kozick, Mosier, Palermo, trict replaces Walter Hoover of the gave the winning Harlem Satellites William Price, and Hilbert Stark all Middle as president of Lake Town- a run for their money Friday, 69-59. put in a lot of mileage in their alship Board, with Sharon Whitesell Left to right, surrounding two loted half-games. assistant secretary-treaurer to non- Satellites: Robert Dolbear (partially Mosier was high with 23 points.

Action in Friday's game shows as John Baur, Clint Brobst, Dol-

members. John Stenger, who re- obscured), Pooch Kozick, Clark George McCutcheon is coach of the team, which promises practice and Accustomed to clowning on the even greater improvement in games

Johnson special officers; Lewis Supervisors Sign The Contracts William Samuels, Lake Silkworth, For New Township Building

Tobogganing Gains Steam As Local Sport, Sometimes Lethal

signed contracts Tuesday evening Jenkins were reappointed secretary which signaled the beginning stages and solicitor, respectively. Lawton

of the new township building. Ide, Lee Wentzel, William Weaver, torn down shortly to make way for of police and zoning officer, Jesse is expected to get underway at the other employees were rehired. first break in weather, probably in Mrs. Beatrice Williams, justice of

constable and Davis Hobbs solicitor. At the reorganization meeting, LaRoy Ziegler was reelected chair-

Culver was renamed road superin-Part of present structure will be tendent and Herbert Updyke, chief the erection of the new one which Coslett, assistant police chief. All

the peace, swore in Ziegler and Ted Altered plans have eliminated a Poad, newly elected auditor. Arthur Ernest Teetsel is president of basement, brick covering and some Smith was named permanent vice Noxen Board, Harold Bennett secre- square footage, with police quarters chairman of the board and liason tary-treasurer and George Brody out drastically from the earlier deas lliason officer for road depart-

Toby Creek Lodge, Trucksville, man of the board when his motion named contact man for new build- New crystals and tubes are needed voted Tuesday evening to join with to elect Lester Hauck to that post ing. Insurance on same will be pro- for Ferguson to make transition.

loss of their meeting place at Hauck nominated Ziegler for the of- A new dump truck was ordered next meeting. Hinkle lauded Mother Trucksville Fire Hall ,soon to be fice and Arthur Smith seconded the from International Harvester at Cabrini Church for its fine set up \$5,800. Specifications on road (Continued on Page 2A)

Appoint Ben Banks Road Inspector Lehman Township Board of Sup- ed for word from the commission to General Hospital Tuesday afterervisors voted a change in meeting just what he has to do for several noon, after he broke a vertebra

cently a panel van performed simil- time to the Second Saturday of months, needs the carport now, and tobogganing, Bob Besecker, Hayden arly, and flipped upside down into each month at the reorganization will gladly move it later. Board said Richards, and L. R. Scott attending.

As mandated by law, all muni- ualty, a Chevy II sedan, had seen Board voted to borrow \$10,000 in was inconvenient sometimes, and cipal boards reorganized Monday night, which for some meant renight, which for some meant reelecting all officers, and for others, the courtest of just trading ofthe courtest of just trading ofthe truck upside down just before anticipation of 1504 taxes.

Alan Major noted a jump in the streetlight bill from Lake Silkworth, and said that the last bill ran the streetlight bill from Lake Silkworth, and said that the last bill ran the Saturday morning would be incon
Kingston Township that Lake Township had had a lot Les Howell attending; Theodore Mc-

The unofficial advisory capacity filled by the late John Hewitt with Charles Howe, Summit Street, was respect to practical matters such as taken to Nesbitt Hospital for X-rays road engineering was noted, and and brought home. Anthony Plata, for this reason it was felt that Mr. Robert Carey and John Chapple Banks would do a good job in the were crew. same position, now being retired from his own work.

S. J. Levitt Jr. Family's Second **Violent Casualty**

Killed In Explosion; His Father Met End In Farmhouse Blaze

Sidney John Levitt, Jr., 49, father of eight, and formerly of Centermoreland, whose own father was killed in a housefire there, met New Years Day, William Crossman violent death in Florida the week- and Earl Crispell. end before New Years when a volatile drum exploded.

The Levitts moved to Titusville twelve years ago, but Mr. Levitt is Blistered By Flames remembered in this area, with a sister, Mrs. Grace DeRemer living being the former Marjorie Nafus,

a chimney fire at 4:45 a.m., July | venture. 20, 1961, at his home on "Presbyterian Hill", was hit by a burning cash box, blistered with heat, was timber and killed.

Mrs. Leonard Harvey, Woodlawn the holiday. Drive, Mr. Levitt was welding an at Arthur Dunn Airpark, Titusville.

Fumes in the near-empty "dope" drum apparently expanded and expanded and blew it creat

Two other occupants of the building were unhurt. Witnesses for several blocks around said "the

Nearby, neighbors F. L. Threkeld and Aderon Feagan were fertilizing fields, ran over, told one of the High School prompted Dallas School partment, and entered the burning | Tuesday evening. building. Finding Levitt under the The custodian found an extensive mounting smoke layer, the men break across the entire front seclaid him on a tarpaulin and carried tions of the boiler early in the him out. He had head injuries morning of December 20. Mr. Ros-

and was badly burned. lance, Levitt died of his injuries of Luzerne was summoned and four hours later. Interior of the stated welding was impossible. hangar was gutted, and many large airplane parts destroyed.

three sons, John, Thomas, and no longer available. Daniel, all in the Air Force, five daughters, Dorothy, Margaret, Nancy, Penny, and Mary, all of Florida; and two sisters, Mrs. De-Kingston Township Supervisors Edward Richards and Att. Mitchell Remer and Mrs. Celeste Machell, from Harrisburg. Philadelphia

> sweeper will be drawn up soon. Billboard Tax

thorized to make collections. Culver tract for a new boiler at the price reported he had removed signs from of \$6,775.00. Harris Hill Road. Stop signs will be placed at either end of Evergreen Tuesday evening, one authorizing

ported radio frequencies in this area the original and copies of each bid have been changed due to all over to the Department of Public Incommunications network change- struction. On motion of Hauck, Ziegler was over by Civil Defense authorities. Costs will be presented to board at

Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Dallas Community Ambulance took William Lloyd, Shrine Acres,

Franklin-Northmoreland

Franklin - Northmoreland ambulance took two Orange people to Amy Reese, with Carl Besteder and

On Saturday afternoon, Mrs.

Fred Williams, Trucksville Gardens, was brought home from Nesbitt Hospital on Sunday with Robert Shoemaker and Al Hawke attend-

Early Tuesday morning, Katherine Ward, Cliffside Avenue, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital, with Hawke and Willard Bullock in attendance.

The ambulance answered a call for oxygen for Harvey Moss, Jackson Township, on Tuesday afternoon. Later that evening, William Pugh, Jack Lasher, Plata and Loren Dymond removed Mr. Moss to General Hospital.

Kenneth Traver, Tunkhannock RD 5, was taken to General Hospital

Antique Shop Cash Box

On December 6, the Powder-Horn in Centermoreland, and his wife Antique Shop opened on Main Street Dallas, Mrs. Charles Frantz, Mrs. Frank Parkhurst, and Mrs. His father, Sidney Levitt, 79, a A. Harden Coon Jr. holding open widower, climbed a ladder to fight house as they launched their new

The day after New Year's, the discovered in the wreckage of the According to the Titusville Star- Coon home in Huntsville, its con-Advocate, submitted to the Dallas tents intact. It had been taken to Post by the Levitts' good friend, Huntsville for safe keeping over

Junior High Heating Unit Found Defective

A defective boiler at Dallas Junior other occupants to call the fire de- directors to call a special meeting

ser, Mr. Paul and Dr. Mellman Taken to the hospital by ambu- were notified. Hughes Corporation

A call to American Standard Boiler Manufacturers, Philadelphia Surviving are his wife Marjorie, for new parts revealed such were Dr. Mellman contacted the De-

partment of Public Instruction for permission to replace the defective unit. Necessary forms were mailed

Heat has been maintained in the building by pushing the other boiler. Replacement will be com-

Tax. on bill boards is now in ef- pleted by January 14. fect, and the zoning officer was au- Hughes Corporation received con-

Two resolutions were approved

Street to designate this as a play the advertising of three bids in accordance with provisions of the Ted Hinkle and John Ferguson re- School Code and the submission of

All directors were present but Walter Phillips.

Group To Decide Citizens Award

Movement To Assess Properties Equally

Back Mountain Protective Asso ciation will elect a president January 23, and discuss recommendations for selection of the recipient of the annual Back Mountain Citizens Award. A number of candidates, both men and women ,have already been proposed, according to Dr. F. Budd Schooley.

Meeting is set for 8 p. m. in the Library Annex, Atty. James L. Brown presiding.

Robert Laux is chairman of the nominating committee . Members are:

a matter of record.

Most Gruesome Tragedy In Years Stuns Area As Flaming Death Strikes On New Years Day

Entire Family, Parents And Three Small Children, Perish As Blaze Roars Through Huntsville Home

COMPANIES DEEMED FITTING MEMORIAL

John Conyngham makes a constructive suggestion about a memorial for the A. Harden Coon Jr. family, pointing out that many people were deprived of a normal expression of sympathy for the tragedy by the specific request that no flowers should be sent.

Flowers were many and beautiful, despite the request, and were greatly appreciated.

For those who heeded the request, Mr. Conygham suggests that the volunteer fire companies which gave their services, would accept gratefully donations of cast in memory of the family; that the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church might welcome a fund; the SPCA cemetery at the Animal Shelter where family pets are buried; the Day School which the children attended; or St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem where the children were born.

An entire Huntsville family, parents and three small children, were suffocated before dawn on New Years Day, when fire of undetermined origin, licking oxygen from the superheated air, exploded into a raging inferno, generating heat so intense that stout steam radiators twisted and bent.

It was all over long before firemen reached the spot, flames bursting from the windows, heat confined by the very excellence of construction which had been designed to make a house built among tall trees, safe from fire.

Fire-Fighters Cooperate From 5 Local Companies

Volunteer Fire companies from embers in the fireplace. the Back Mountain which fought At 7:15, when Joseph Losh drove of operations; Dallas, under Dan there was no sign of life.

Police from all sections of the John Vivian.

Over 100 people, including members

Aftermath Of Tragedy At Huntsville



Ruins of the A. Harden Coon Jr. home at Huntsville, where a family of five, parents and three children, lost their lives early in the morning on New Years Day. The ladder extends to the hearth of the fireplace which was a feature of the master bedroom, immediately above the living room fireplace and serviced by the same brick chimney



Crane of G. B. Coon Construction Company which helped firemen probe the ruins late on New Years Day, in search of charred

photo by Kozemchak

Burned out garage wing, walls still standing in contrast with utter devastation of the front part of the house.

NEW YEARS BABY BORN TO DALLAS COUPLE

The first local baby born in the New Year was the child of Back Mountain parents.

Little Jay Theodore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Crispell, 35 Park Street, Dallas, arrived at 1:36 a.m., on January 1 at General Hospital.

He is the fifth child for the

Crispells, joining Nancy, Ste-

phen, Joyce Ann, and Wayne. Mrs. Crispell is the former Norma Seavey Reed, Dallas. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carlton C. Reed, Church Street and Stephen Ray

Crispell, Park Street is the

paternal grandfather.

Registered Guernsey bull Lake left leg and injury to her nose when unified basis, with no political con- Louise Royal Lancer is rated a Gold notation. Inequities have long been Star Guernsey Sire by the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Presidents Wife Will Speak At Wilkes College

Mrs. Lyndon B. (Ladybird) Johnson will appear at Wilkes College Gymnasium for the Wilkes College convocation to be held Saturday, January 11 at 2:30 p.m. She accepted an invitation tendered by Dr. Eugene S. Farley to share the platform with Dr. Frank P. Graham. chairman, Area Redevelopment Administration, Washington, D. C., and will arrive at Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Airport, Saturday at 10 a.m.

planned for her short visit. Dr. and Mrs. Farley, Wilkes College Band and members of Student Government will meet the Johnson party at the airport.

The last of the A. H. Coon, Jr. guests left the house shortly after 5 a.m., emptying ashtrays and noting that logs had burned down to

the New Years Day blaze at Hunts- down the old Lehman Road on his ville, included Lehman Township, way to church, flames were roarunder Chief Lee Wentzel in charge ing from the upstairs windows, and

Richards; Trucksville, Vought Long; Frantic beating upon the knocker Shavertown, William Pugh and Wil- of the house next door, where anliam Frederick; Idetown, Walter other New Year's party had broken up by 3:30, ,alerted Mr .and Mrs.

community including Noxen and As Mr. Vivian telephoned a gen-Lake were present; also State eral alarm Mr. Losh attempted to break into the Coon home. A

mushroom of flame beat him back. Volunteers from every Back Mountain Fire Company answered the siren, with Lehman Township the first to arrive. Lehman Township chief Lee Wentzel took command. By 9 a. m. the slate roof of the main section of the twelve-room

had collapsed into the basement. The fire was under control. The horrifying roar of the blaze diminished. Firemen doggedly pumped water into the ruins, Lehman's tanker mak-

brick home had fallen in, and floors

ing trip after trip over the icy roads to Huntsville reservoir, where Idetown's booster auxiliary pump was in action. With ropes and chains volunteers

breached the brick walls and toppled one of the tall chimneys. As debris sank into the foundations, the hearths of two fireplaces stood out from a mammoth brick chimney like shelves, one on the ground floor level ,the second is mediately above. The chimney self, solid masonry, and buil last for generations, showed no

of damage. The slate roof in the wing way grudgingly, a few slates a few there, as beams sup the dormer windows charred

settled. Tossed to the snow outsie, two small box springs and mattresses, one of them with a plastic cover, hissed under the sleet, sending up

thin spira's of smoke. A fireman, staggering from a smoulder of rubble, carried some body of a dog, one of the two pet

French poodles. Off to one side, somebody started a bonfire where firemen and police could warm numbed finge Members of fire auxiliaries ro ed up kettles of soup and basi-

of sandwiches. Stout swings, ropes stiffened by e, dangled dejectedly from heavy peams in the play area.

A dainty bit of bronze garden statuary, sheathed in ice from the spray of the fire hose, pointed the way with an outflung arm. Firemen labored past, slipping in the freezing

Trampled rhododendrons. A recently remodeled kitchen reduced to rubble, but with silver and crystal unharmed behind blistered cuboard doors.

The family cat, unsinged, smothered in an upstairs closet. A stout rope flung over a buckling wall to further its destruction.

and falling in two sections ,as if cut A group of firemen, with deputy coroner Richard Disque and funeral director Harold Snowdon, inter upon something in the excavation and bringing it out in the kindly

The rope charring in the heat

something tragically small. Police deflecting the idly. cur-Worsening weather, sleet pebbling the windshields of cars crawling along the hazardous roads.

anonymity of a canvas carrier. A

Last night's guests gathering, stunned and horrified, at the Vivian At the ede of dusk, a huge crane from the B. C. Coon Construction, Company, inching its way up the

steeply curving drive, enaking its height adroitly, bolt upright, among the trees. Making the crest at last, backing and filling with its dangling hook and clamshell, directly over the re-

maining walls of the place where the fire had been the most intense. An expert at the controls, the (Continued Page 2 A)

Receives Award

Douglas Ide, a junior student at Lake-Lehman High School, has been awarded the Junior Engineer-An itinerary has been tentatively ing Technilogical Society Medallion for placing in the upper percentile in the National Engineering Aptitude Search of 1963.

Approximately 21,000 youg people participated in the test which had as it's average score 98%.

ride on the snow, often with some family size affairs.

rough sledding in transit, gather on Even the family dog gets into William Lloyd, Shrine Acres, she overturned.

the act (top center), and this par- broke a vertebra when his family

Tobogganing is becoming more | Things get pretty crowded over ticular animal chased his family toboggan hit a bump; Jacqueline Rev. Robert D. Yost, James L. and more popular in the Back Mount the weekend, as witnessed by this down the slope about fifteen times. Moore, 21, Oak Hill, received back Brown, Dr. Schooley, all former tain, and one of the most heavily collection of shots last Sunday. To- Not everybody makes it in one injuries and companion Christine presidents; and Theodore Poad and used slopes is at Irem Temple Coun- boggans range in size anywhere piece. At top right, two guys recov- Yurish, 14, Kingston, badly cut her Elizabeth Wallo. Families, groups of friends, anyry Club.

From a flying one-man saucer (lowry Club.

From a flying one-man sauc body interested in a fast downhill hicles, including ordinary sleds, to four people had been hurt in three Church Street, suffered fracture of ment to re-assess properties on a