

Mrs. Ann Vernon Is First Woman To Head Board

Fritzges, Lefko And LaBerge Take Director Seats

With a pledge of dedication to the continuation of good education in the Back Mountain area, Mrs. Ann Vernon became the first woman to head any school board in this region.

The new board chairman was the unanimous choice of her fellow directors. Mrs. Vernon represents Kingston Township. Also named to a top post was Mrs. Louise Steinhauer, Franklin Township, elected vice president.

Three new directors, Earl Fritzges, John LaBerge and Harry Lefko were given the oath of office by Mrs. Steinhauer, serving as president pro tem. They will replace Jack Stanley, retiring chairman, who was unable to attend the meeting, Earl Phillips, and Walter Phillips.

Wives and children of the new directors were present to witness induction ceremonies, another innovation for board members. Mr. LaBerge stated that outgoing members had been subjected to some tough times but had performed a job well done and that he hoped to perpetuate their work. His sentiments were expressly in accord with those voiced by Lefko and Fritzges.

Earl Fritzges was named to the School Board Council as representative from Dallas, J. LaBerge as representative to the Wyoming Valley Technical Institute Board, with Andrew Kozemchak as alternate. Mr. Lefko was appointed to serve as delegate to the Back Mountain Memorial Library Board.

The replacement for Fred Eck as a member of the Dallas School Authority was tabled until next meeting. Dr. Mellman said he was sorry to see the old board members, leave, that it had been enjoyable working with them. He further added, "Our direction is sound and I appreciate what the board has done. I am looking forward to another pleasant association with the incoming members."

Mrs. Vernon also thanked the retiring members and expressed her thanks to Mrs. Stahl, secretary, for all the work she has done. Earl Phillips, in closing, remarked, "One cannot walk away from this job without thinking about it. Success to the new members and best wishes. We are all geared to the end product, the best education possible within our ability to pay." A social hour followed.

Fast Draw Draws Blood—Own Leg

A foiled fast-draw artist hopped on one leg out to Dallas ambulance from his mother-in-law's home Tuesday afternoon, a bullet lodged in the other.

Persuaded to lie down by the attendants, he was taken to Nesbitt Hospital at 2:15 p.m., where the bullet was removed. He had fashioned his own tourniquet and tightened it with a butter knife.

Waiting for his mother-in-law, Mrs. David Pugh, William Street, (adjacent to the high school), Joseph Olivieri, 22, of 108 N. Gates Street, Kingston, strapped on his Colt Frontier .22, and went out in the back yard for a little fast-draw target practice. The gun went off in the holster and the bullet traveled down his leg into the calf.

Development In The Wind



Top brass of U.G.I., Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, and architectural firm Lacy, Aatheron and Davis, met Wednesday morning in front of the Linear Plant to get their bearings from a contour map, before pulling on heavy boots and inspecting the 58 acre tract adjacent, which has been owned by the Industrial Development Fund since 1958.

Holding the map are Jim Lacy, architect; Edgar Lashford, Chamber of Commerce; and Dick Demmy, U.G.I. Edward Poggi and Oscar Snell look on.

Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Dallas Community

Dallas ambulance took Mrs. Vincent Murphy, 23 Norton Avenue, to Mercy Hospital on Saturday. Jim Davies and Gil Morris attending.

Covering for Kingston Township ambulance, on call, Dallas took Edith Daubert, 230 Cliffside Avenue, Trucksville, to General Hospital on Monday. Leighton Scott, Lynn Sheehan, and Bob Beseker as crew.

Harriet Gensel, Lower Demunds Road, was taken from Nesbitt to General Hospital, Tuesday. Sheehan and Bob Cartier as crew.

Joseph Olivieri, Kingston, was taken from Pugh home, William Street, Tuesday, Scott and Davies attending.

Joseph Marsh, Wellington Avenue, was taken to General Tuesday. Scott and Davies as crew.

Dallas ambulance, filling for Kingston Township, brought Mrs. Alex Dampf, Mt. Airy Road, from Eastwood Convalescent Home, Easton, to Carpenter Convalescent Home, Idetown, yesterday. Lynn Sheehan and Carl Miers attending.

Franklin-Northmoreland

Franklin - Northmoreland ambulance took Mrs. John Roberts from Russell Race's home to General Hospital Tuesday night. Clarence Schoonover and Bob Phillips attending.

Lake Township

Lake ambulance brought William Rittenhouse home from General Hospital to Noxen Road, John Stenger and Jim McCaffrey attending.

Kingston Township

On Thursday night, Harold Smith and Mrs. Glenn Johnson, accident victims, were taken to Nesbitt Hospital, Arnold Yeust and Andrew Roan attending.

Friday evening, Joseph Rother, N. Pioneer Avenue, was admitted to Nesbitt Hospital when he became ill in Dr. Crompton's office, Marvin Yeust and Willard Bullock as crew.

Mrs. George Mortimer, Holly Street, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital on Saturday. Bullock and Harold Jeffrey in attendance.

On Wednesday morning, William Davis, Elizabeth Street, Dallas, was brought home from Nesbitt Hospital, Paul Daily and William Bradbury as crew.

The same morning Richard Ash, Roushey Street, was admitted to General Hospital, and Mrs. Freda Sickler, Lewis Avenue, was returned home from Nesbitt Hospital, Bradbury and Daily serving on last two trips.

Inspect Tract In Dallas Township For Potential Industrial Usage

58 Acres Purchased In 1958 Available

According to a recent report from Wyoming Valley Industrial Fund, bolstered by active interest from U.G.I. officials and the architectural firm of Lacy Aatheron and Davis, the potential of a 58 acre tract in Dallas Township is being considered.

It is large enough, in the estimation of these organizations, to accommodate two large industries of high calibre, or two moderate sized industries and four smaller ones.

The tract, adjacent to Linear plant holdings, bounded by the Kenneth Rice property and by Demunds Road, was acquired in 1958 for future development.

Lehigh Valley tracks, once considered by the Industrial Fund as a possible siding for an industry, have been removed, but as Edgar Lashford, Chamber of Commerce executive, pointed out, most industries prefer truck service as being swifter and more elastic in scheduling.

Mr. Lashford, Richard Demmy, manager of U.G.I., and James Lacy, met with Edward Poggi and Oscar Snell Wednesday morning in the Linear parking lot to consult the contour map before pulling on heavy boots and tramping through the fields and up the slope after splashing through Toby's Creek. No present road reaches the property, but it is easily accessible.

The land is astonishingly free of brush, and with very little swampy area. A survey showed that a bulldozer could level whatever land was required.

Mr. Demmy pointed out that heavy duty water service was available on the spot. Water supply would require drilled wells for each industry. Sewage treatment plants would be necessary.

Mr. Lashford and Mr. Demmy

both stated that a high-class industrial development would go a long way toward easing the financial tax burden in the Back Mountain.

Lake's Jail May Shut For Disuse

Lake Township jail, the only one in the Back Mountain may be closed soon for reasons of health menace and little use.

Jail, capacity for two, is in the cellar of the Daniel C. Roberts fire hall, Harveys Lake.

It was reported at the Board of Supervisors meeting Saturday morning that the toilets are flushing in backflow, and the upkeep generally is not warranted by the use.

State Board of Prisons inspects the jail twice a year, and it must be kept up to standards as long as it exists.

Police Chief Walbridge Leinthal said that the last prisoner was from Lehman Township, arrested there for drunkenness, last year. He also said that any prisoners could be taken to the county jail, and that there was very little a person could be jailed summarily for, in any case.

Auditor and Officer?

Supervisor Sharon Whitesell asked if it were legal for Fred Merrill Jr., special police officer, to hold that appointed office in addition to his recently elected position as auditor?

No one was sure. Secretary read a provision from the township code which said: "No auditor shall at the same time hold any other elective office." Merrill said he did not think that the exclusion extended to special officers.

Tax Collector Calvin McHose gave an extensive report, which included 340 abatements because of county reassessment discrepancies.

Lake Gets New Police Cruiser



Lake Township received its new police cruiser last weekend, a 1966 Plymouth sedan with special engine and equipment.

Car replaces the 1960 Plymouth, which saw rugged service.

Police Chief Walbridge Leinthal,

left, receives the keys from Sharon Whitesell, president of the Board of Supervisors. Behind them, left to right, supervisors Edward Crake and Walter Hoover, and right front is John Stenger, secretary.

Board Queried On Day Police

Reliefers Possible For Township Job

Question of just how many policemen Jackson Township has was brought up at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday night, and was left in some doubt.

It was observed that calls could continue to be made to Roland Gensel in his status as a constable, and, of course, night calls would continue to be made to Chief of Police Robert Cooper.

Gensel, resigned as Assistant Chief in Jackson Township as of the first of last month, is not obliged or might not be interested in accepting calls directly from Chief Cooper for an assist under the township name, according to the chief. The Board also said that they did not know if he would be willing to come out.

However, he is still a constable, which is a peacekeeping post, and present law has it that only a constable and not a township policeman can actually serve a warrant.

Cooper also told the resident who raised the question that the township could get special policemen to help on serious calls, but that no one in the township seemed interested in police work.

Help From Reliefers?

Prospect was raised of getting a person on relief, or DPA, to serve a few hours a day keeping the firehall, which is also the municipal meeting place, in order. Secretary will check over the rolls of those in the township on public assistance to see if there are any likely possibilities.

The police chief also disclosed that 10-wheel coal trucks are breaking the law in traveling over

Legion Plans Xmas Party For Children

Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post will stage the annual Christmas Party for children up to the age of twelve, Saturday, December 18. Doors, says Paul Shaver, chairman, will open at 2, with a program to start at 2:30.

There will be door prizes, and all children will receive candy.

Alfred M. Camp musical director and band leader at Dallas Junior High School, will lead group singing.

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company will break out its red truck as a fitting backdrop for an outside Santa Claus.

Willard Sutton Re-elected To Head Lake-Lehman District School Board

Dean Shaver Again Is Vice President

Willard Sutton was re-elected president of Lake-Lehman school board at Monday night's reorganization meeting, over a strong protest on his part.

Mr. Sutton has been president of the jointure since resignation of Edgar Lashford, at the time Mr. Lashford left the area briefly before coming back as executive of Wyoming Valley Chamber of Com-

merce. Mr. Lashford was in office at the time of ground-breaking for the new High School.

Mr. Sutton stepped up to the jointure position from presidency of the Lake school board.

In private life, he is District Sales Manager of American Motors.

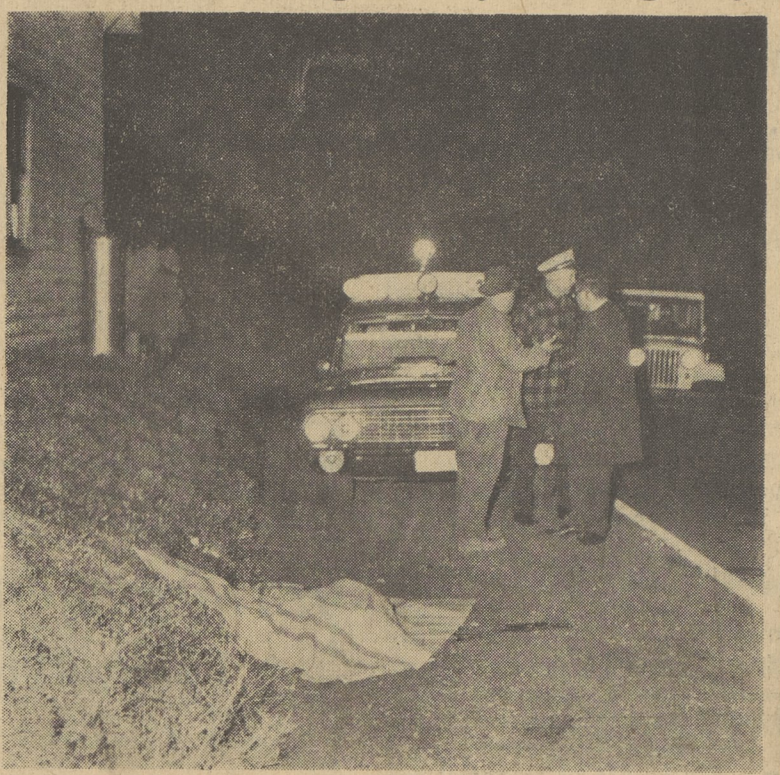
Re-elected also was Dean Shaver, vice president. Franklin Patton was named representative to Wyoming Valley Technical Institute, with Mr. Sliemak as alternate.

The secretary Miss Eleanor Humphrey holds position for four years. Other positions are voted upon prior to the July meeting, when the fiscal year starts.

The session was for reorganization only, in accordance with State law, but free discussion of the dumping problem brought forth the conclusion that something would have to be worked out.

Garbage and trash are burned in the incinerator, tins flattened to reduce bulk. Don Hoover has a land fill operation. Lake-Lehman shares with the entire Back Mountain a shortage of dumping space.

Tells Of Highway Tragedy



Grief-stricken, John Chesnovitch (at left), Oak Hill Dallas RD 4, explains to a police officer that Torrence Ruggles, 86, body under blanket in foreground, suddenly stepped in front of his car and he was unable to avoid hitting him, Tuesday night on Route 309.

—Dallas Post Staff Photo

Killed Half Mile North On Route Where Mosier Sr. Was Hit In 1941

In a cruel twist of fate, it was only half a mile north on the same road that her husband's father was killed in 1941 that Mrs. Sheldon Mosier lost her own aged father, Torrence Ruggles, in a traffic accident Tuesday night.

Mr. Ruggles crossed the highway, on foot, apparently suddenly, in front of a southbound car, driven by John Chesnovitch, Oak Hill, Dallas RD 4, at 5:20 p.m.

On Memorial Day of 1941, shortly after the Tunkhannock Highway was opened to traffic, Melvin Mosier Sr., returning from his dairy products deliveries in Dallas in the early evening, was struck by a car while driving his truck northbound toward the family farm.

Mr. Ruggles' daughter said the family has no idea why he was crossing the road in that manner at the time. "He's always been so good about the road before," Mrs. Mosier said. Mr. Ruggles lived with the Mosiers.

John Chesnovitch was proceeding on the highway, he told police, saw Mr. Ruggles at the side of the road, but had no idea that the man was going to come out in front of him suddenly. Location was in front of the Mosier farm, north of Gordon's gas station and south of the Chestnut Ridge. It was dark at the time.

Borough officer Clifford Foss was on the scene first and directed traf-

fic. Dallas ambulance was called by a passer-by but was not used. Dallas Township Officer John Gordon investigated first. Deputy Coroner Richard Disque pronounced Mr. Ruggles dead, and Township Police Chief Frank Lange and state police made the complete investigation.

Mr. Ruggles was born in Pikes Creek and owned and operated a farm at Pikes Creek most of his life. He was tax collector of Lake Township for three terms. He was a member of Maple Grove Methodist Church, the Men's Bible Class, was treasurer of the of the church 30 years and was also a member of its official board.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 25, 1950. Mrs. Ruggles, the former Daisy Geiger, died January 31, 1957.

Surviving are Mrs. Mosier, with whom he resided for the last two years; son, Clifford, Wilmington, Del.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother, Walter, Haddonfield, N. J.

Funeral will be held Friday morning at 11 from the funeral home, Main Road, Sweet Valley. Rev. Robert Sheehan of Dallas Methodist Church and Rev. William Rosser, of Maple Grove Methodist Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Friends may call tonight, 7 to 9.

Dodson On Mend, Foresee Release

All Others Are Home But Sweppenheiser

Hardest hit by poisoning effect of drinking an antifreeze and water mixture over Thanksgiving weekend, John Dodson is making progress at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, and doctors would like to see him come home to Kunkle this weekend if all goes well.

Jack was slated for a third treatment in the artificial kidney this week, but his condition had so improved that doctors did not, at last report, think it necessary.

After nine long days of non-function, the 19-year-old's own kidneys began to work again on Monday. Up until then it was all very touch-and-go. Fred Dodson, his father, told the Dallas Post yesterday that Jack had been transferred from the intensive care unit to a semi-private room, progress for which the family is, as Fred says, "so pleased."

Paul Fiske Jr., 17, Davenport Street, is home from Geisinger, as of Sunday. He says he feels "good" and hopes to be back at school next week.

Donald Sweppenheiser, 16, Kunkle, is still in General Hospital and undergoing tests. His brother Harry, 18, came home last week. Patricia Carr, 17, of Kingston, has returned home from Nesbitt Hospital.

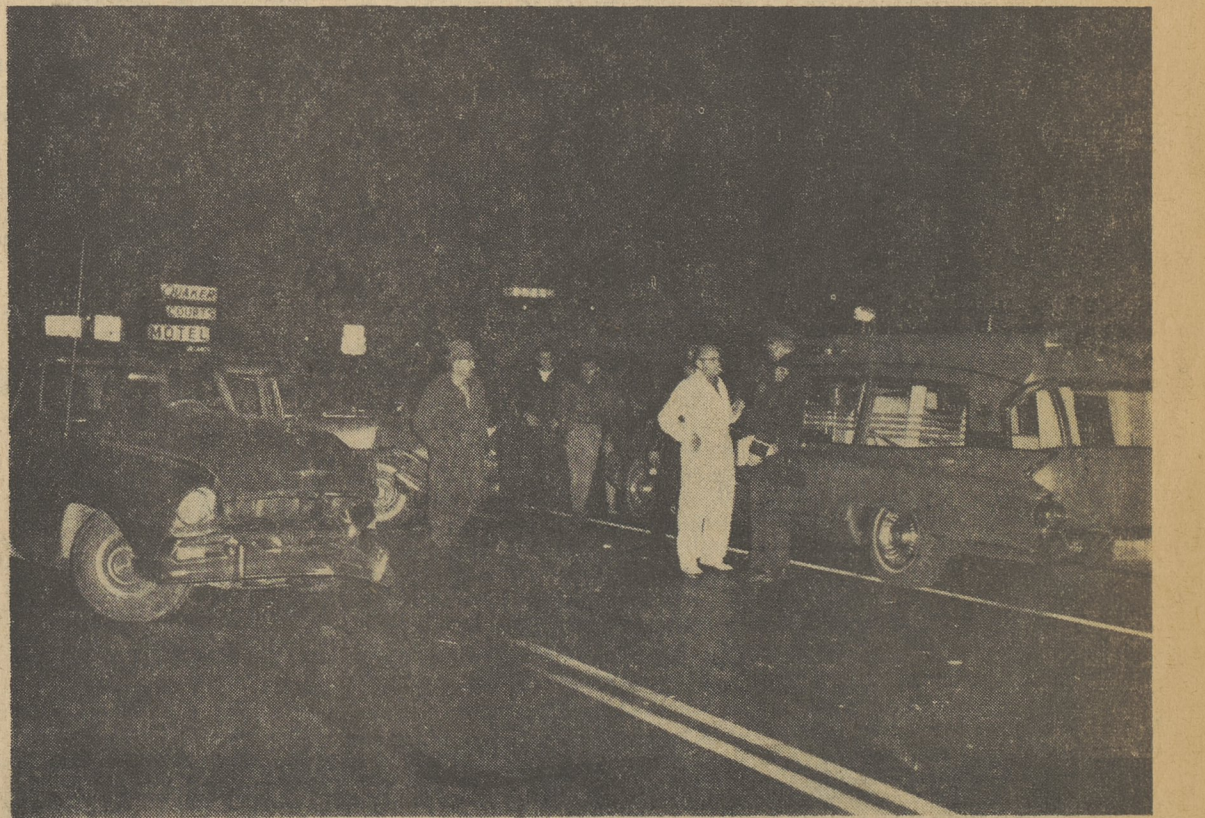
Extra Halloween

Dallas Township police have been investigating a rash of vandalism termed "another Halloween," recently.

Included are shot-out windows at the High School and various vandalism at four different housing developments.

Culprits have apparently restricted their work to Dallas Township. Windows were also broken at Applewood Manor, on upper Demunds Road, and at Orchardview Terrace on Rice's hill. At College Manor vandals ripped electrical wiring out of new homes under construction and threw eggs at a house in Haddonfield Hills on Country Club Road.

Two Collide At Route 309 Intersection



Two cars collided at the Y intersection of Memorial Highway and Route 309, below Orchard Farm Restaurant, at 6:20 p.m. on Saturday.

Forty Fort, was northbound on Route 415, and Pauline L. Kelly, Orchard Street, was emerging from the Tunkhannock Highway. Damage was to the right front of the Kelly car.

Mrs. Kelly was taken to Dr. Mokykych's office for treatment of injury. Dallas ambulance, in photo, was called but not used.

Frank Fonzo, 499 River Street,

Dallas School Board Introduces Newly Elected Directors



Dallas School Board members with administrative head and personnel appear in the above picture taken Tuesday evening at a reorganization meeting held at Dallas Senior High School.

Seated left to right are L. L. Richardson, Earl Phillips, retiring;

Mrs. Harriet Stahl, board secretary, Mrs. Ann Vernon, president; Mrs. Louise Steinhauer, vice president, Dr. Robert Mellman, Superintendent of Dallas Schools and Walter Phillips, retiring member.

Standing, Atty. Jonathan Valentine, Harry Lefko, John LaBerge, Earl Fritzges, incoming members and Andrew Kozemchak.

Former board president, Jack Stanley, was absent when the picture was taken.

Certificates of election were read by Mrs. Louise Steinhauer, acting chairman protem for the meeting.