

## Lake Supervisor Ups Paychecks, Bucks Majority

### Fred Merrill Quits Auditorship; Extra Fulltime Cop Asked

New Supervisor of the North (Lake) District of Lake Township opposed a number of steady township policies at the Reorganization meeting on Monday, but was defeated in his opposition motions.

At the same time a group of women attending the meeting called for an improvement in the police situation as it stands now, with one fulltime officer augmented by three special part-time men.

The police situation, which in fact has departed from a two-man operation only since the retirement of Chief Edgar Hughes last summer, took up much of the discussion. It has resulted in the new chief, Walbridge Leinthal, getting no vacation in 1965.

Supervisor Sharon Whitesell agreed that the situation was not ideal, but said that the only practical thing to do is to wait until "if and when" the court rules on the proposed Harveys Lake Borough (which may absorb a great majority of valuable properties and a large sector of the population).

With only the rural Middle and South Districts remaining, there would be no need to employ two fulltime officers.

The new Supervisor, Alger Shafer, agreed with the women at the meeting that another permanent officer was needed. In response to the majority's contention that it would be "unfair" to a new permanent officer to put him in the job which might last only a year, Shafer said that the man, and in fact everyone in the township, would know what the new officer was getting into.

Whitesell, in the alternative, suggested putting out applications for more special police (only two have been hired for 1966 to date). Majority approved this.

The women, spokesman being Mrs. William Hopkins, summer residence at Walnut Ridge (Barnum Street area), cited alleged trouble and fights at dances for youth at the Picnic Grounds as indicative of the need for more police. However, Chief Leinthal himself said he knew of no such trouble—that he had two extra men patrolling the dances with him, as well as two private police hired by the proprietor.

The chief did admit though that there were times when he had to answer calls alone and that it was taught at police school that this should not be done. He said that when Hughes was still employed by the township there were two fulltime officers living next door to each other, ready to go out on calls together, and that this was "a good set-up."

Mrs. Hopkins said that, whether the borough was imminent or not, two fulltime officers would paint a better picture for the township's case. Whitesell, however, noted that the hearing was finished and the points had been heard.

### REORGANIZATION

Board reorganized to name Walter Hoover chairman, Shafer vice chairman, John Stenger secretary-treasurer, Leinthal Police Chief, and Calvin McHose tax collector.

Whitesell moved that Stenger be reappointed to his office, and Shafer seconded it adding "providing Mr. Stenger is available."

On subject of a roadmaster, Shafer moved the Board depart from custom of each supervisor caring for his own district and appoint a roadmaster over the whole township. Whitesell refused to second it, and Walter Hoover said that would be hard for one roadmaster to cover all the ground in a snowstorm. Shafer agreed to be roadmaster in his district.

Shafer moved that Lake Township employ a solicitor other than Atty. Lewis Crisman. Hoover and Whitesell voted to retain him. Henry Stefanowicz was unanimously approved as Sanitary Inspector for 1966.

Fred Merrill Jr., recently elected Township Auditor, resigned that post because it conflicted by law with his position of special township police officer, and so the board reappointed him to the police. Stefanowicz was also reappointed police officer, but the third appointee, Smith, was not hired again.

A motion was put on the floor to hire the two special police mentioned above, which Shafer agreed to go along with providing applications were put out for more police.

Regular meeting date is moved from Saturday at 10 a.m. to Friday at 8 p.m.

Shafer moved that laborers, equipment operators, be given a raise of 25c an hour, that police be paid \$1.50 an hour, and that the chief get \$3,500, he being the lowest paid chief presently employed in the Back Mountain. Whitesell proposed a \$3800 salary, and

## Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Dallas Community ambulance took Jack Fowler, Huntsville Road, to General Hospital on December 29, Ron (the barber) Hrubowchak, Lynn Sheehan, and Bob Cartier attending.

Andrew Gula, 6 Warren Drive, was taken to General Hospital on Thursday, Wayne Harvey and Jim Faerber as crew.

Blanche Thompson, New Goss Manor, was taken to Mercy Hospital and return, Friday, Harvey and Faerber attending.

John Nekrasz, 52 Monroe Street, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital following accident, Huntsville Road, Sheehan, Robert Beseker, and Bill Wright as crew.

Mrs. Loretta Zahler, Shrineview, was taken to General Hospital on Tuesday, Beseker, Harvey, and Leighton Scott as crew.

Harry Cole, 20 Jackson Street, was taken to General Hospital yesterday, Beseker and Scott.

### Lake Township

Lake ambulance took Ernest Bradd, Shawanese, to General Hospital on Friday, Jim McCaffrey and Lee Zimmerman attending.

Peter Eckert, Loyalville, was taken to General Hospital on Sunday, McCaffrey, John Stenger, and Fred Merrill attending.

Yesterday, ambulance took Mildred Grey, Loyalville, to Wilmington, Del., hospital and return, Stenger, McCaffrey, and Zimmerman attending.

### Kingston Township

On December 29, Mrs. Mary Anderson was taken to Carpenter Nursing Home from Nesbitt Hospital, William Frederick and Anthony Plata in attendance.

Mrs. Lillith Miller, Carverton Road, was admitted to Nesbitt Hospital, Robert Shoemaker and Harry Smith attending, on Thursday.

On December 31, Charles Tyrrell, W. Mt. Airy Road, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital, Jack Lasher and John Judge as crew.

Wesley Mitchell, E. Center Street, returned home on January 2 from Nesbitt Hospital, Frederick and W. Davis attending.

On Monday evening, Mrs. Mary Anderson was readmitted to Nesbitt Hospital, Henry Hill and J. Judge in attendance.

### Shavertown Druggist Takes Office As Supervisor

Edward W. Hall, newly elected supervisor of Kingston Township is pictured above as he was administered the Loyalty oath by Justice of the Peace, Fredric W. Anderson, Shavertown, Thursday evening, in a quiet ceremony.

Mr. Hall took his seat on the Supervisor's Board Monday evening, at the new municipal building after receiving the coldest reception from board members ever witnessed by some members of the community.

The new supervisor comes to administer township affairs with a wealth of experience in the field of business, community service and organizational endeavors. He formerly established and operated all above mentioned wages were agreed upon.

At the regular meeting a letter was received from the Luzerne County Planning Commission pointing out a change in the trailer law, as to permissible districts and permits. Lake Township is now subject to county planning.

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## Board Re-forms, Cop Quits Force

### Samuel Lehman Head, Millage Amt. Tabled

Lehman Township Board of Supervisors reorganized Monday night, with the following appointments:

William Samuel, chairman; Clinton Smith, vice chairman; Alan Major, roadmaster; Michael Godek, non-member, secretary-treasurer at \$1800; William Valentine, solicitor (\$340); Joseph Ide, Police Chief (\$3840).

All Special Police were reappointed on "voluntary" basis, \$200 a year expenses, except John Major, who resigned.

Supervisors' pay, time and place of meetings, treasurer and tax collector bond, delinquent tax collector and commission of two per cent remain the same.

Taxes reenacted: Amusement (10%), Per Capita (5%), Realty Transfer (1%).

Pay scales for township employees remain the same.

Rate of township millage was tabled.

Appointments to Zoning Board and School Authority were tabled.

### Regular Meeting

At the regular meeting it was revealed that income for upkeep of streetlights at both Harveys Lake and Lake Silkworth was falling behind, some people apparently not contributing their assessment. Secretary Godek said that a determination of who owes and how much will not be possible until May and the tax collector's report.

Supervisors empowered the township officers to borrow funds in anticipation of 1966 taxes, loan expected to run in the neighborhood of \$7500, but empowering of officers is "as needed."

Justice of the Peace Joseph Park turned in \$10 in fines. He also commented on difficulty of getting industry interested in settling in a territory.

Wednesday morning, William Jenkins, Elizabeth Street, Dallas, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital, Lasher, Walter Karl and Wayne Harvey as crew.

## Leather Company Leases Part Of Tannery



Edward L. Jones, president of Noxen Industrial Park, the old tannery property, looks on as the first tenant of the new industrial center, Peter V. Baran, president of Associated Reptile Tannery Inc., Newark, N.J., signs the lease.

## Battered Strong-Room Door Still Resists All Efforts Of Locksmith

Still unopened, the Lake-Lehman High School vault resists efforts of the best locksmith in the Valley, the Acme Locksmith Company. Skilled workmen worked for three hours Wednesday morning before abandoning the attempt.

The vault-size safe contains keys and records of the school in addition to a small amount of money.

Local efforts resulted in no sale Monday and Tuesday, when the vault remained impregnable, after robbers had forced the dial with a chisel from the metal shop on New Year's Eve.

On Wednesday, outside assistance was called.

Nothing was taken except one stopwatch from the desk belonging to secretary Mrs. Elston, but damage was considerable.

Window frames, made to rigid and unusual specifications were wrenched when thieves entered, breaking the glass. For the second time in a month, glass in the door leading to the office was smashed.

Foiled in entering the room-size vault, the robbers wrecked two vending machines. Outside lights were on at the time.

Over the Christmas vacation, very little money is kept in the vault, explained Anthony Marchakitus, High School Principal, simply enough to start the day off for the cafeteria upon return of the students.

Once the dial is damaged, he continued, a safety pin drops and no amount of tinkering will get the mechanism to working again.

On the other hand, should a person become locked in the vault, he can open it from the inside.

A screwdriver with a flashlight attachment was used in this entry.

### Injured In Crash

Amy Miner, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Miner, Country Club Road, was injured in an auto accident on Wyoming Avenue early Sunday morning, passenger in car driven by John Dimond, 2 Sunset Street, Forty Fort, and was admitted to Nesbitt Hospital by Wyoming Ambulance. Dimond's car hit another which was parked.

ville Fire Company, extended appreciation to Shaver for past favors. Ziegler asked Hall if he would like to be board chairman and he replied that he would not. Funke then nominated Ziegler and Ziegler in turn nominated Funke as vice chairman. Atty. Mitchell Jenkins served as temporary chairman.

Following a short session on old business Ziegler asked for a five minute Executive session which lengthened into a nearly 30 minute absence. A change of attitude was evidenced upon their return to the meeting room.

Mr. Hall entered the name of Atty. Merton Jones for the post of solicitor. There was no second and Mr. Funke proposed the re-appointment of Atty. Jenkins with Ziegler seconding the motion. With the appointment of a secretary next on the agenda, Mr. Hall nominated Michael Stanley. Again there was no second and Funke entered the nomination of incumbent Mrs. Carol Dilfield with approval by Ziegler.

(Mr. Hall when contacted by this writer said he had proposed Atty. Jones since he was a resident of the township and Stanley since he had 30 years experience in accounting and office management).

In other action, Leighton Culver was reappointed Roadmaster and Herbert Updyke, Chief of Police. James Sisco was also appointed Assistant Chief of Police. The officers received a salary of \$325 per month. Updyke was also named Zoning Officer at \$50 per month.

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First of what is hoped to be several new industrial occupants of the old tannery building, this one with a possible employment of 35 to 50 men, signed a lease this week at Noxen, inaugurating what may well be a new era of prosperity in the lower Wyoming County region.

Associated Reptile Tannery Inc. president Peter V. Baran, of Newark, N.J., told the Dallas Post that employment will be chiefly local and indeed that it was the available manpower and the water supply which attracted his company to the area.

Lessor is Jones Safety Service Enterprises Inc., working in cooperation with the NEED committee of Noxen.

Tannery will produce leather from all kinds of hides and skins, from zebra to turtle to buffalo. Customers will be chiefly U.S. manufacturers of shoes, handbags, belts, and other small leather goods.

New industry will occupy about 30 per cent of available space in the huge tannery building, portion known to Noxen people as the scrubhouse, rolling room, setting out room, and offices of the former Armour Tannery, which shut down in 1961 as unprofitable, and which was the principal local source of employment in Noxen for decades.

New tannery is expanding its New Jersey operation to Noxen, with target date of beginning production set for the end of February. Several truckloads of new equipment are going to be installed, although some of the old equipment will be used also. Leather will be made from reptile, ostrich, polar bear, and seal skins, as well.

Mr. Baran is the third generation of his family in the business of leather production. In addition to his experience in buying hides, tanning, and selling finished leather, he has advised tanners in Japan and advised on construction of a tannery in Colombia. He told the Dallas Post at Noxen this week that he had looked over many other locations possible for his tannery extension and found this to be the best overall.

Edward L. Jones, the lessor's son, consulted with representatives of the Department of Forests and Waters and with Pennsylvania Department of Health in order to assure proper waste disposal methods and insure against pollution.

Noxen Industrial "NEED" Committee, in cooperation with the Noxen Industrial Park Advisory Committee, is compiling a list of available manpower in the Back Mountain to provide employment for a leather tanning and shoe manufacturing operation in Noxen.

Persons interested should mail the following information to Noxen Industrial Park, PO Box 172, Noxen: address, city, and state. State your work experience, length, and title of job.

### Blue Spruce Thefts

A rash of Blue Spruce thefts over the holidays has Dallas Township police guessing.

One has been cut at the Harry A. Lebowitz property, Shrine Acres, three from property of Dr. Marshall U. Rumbaugh, upper Demunds Road, and one from the property of Mrs. Andrew M. Sholtis, upper Demunds Road.

Police are investigating. The crook knows his trees, in any case.

## Dallas Township Forms For 1966

### Lamoreaux Again Is Chairman Of Board

Dallas Township reorganized Monday night with substantially the same set-up as in 1965. Following were appointed:

Fred Lamoreaux, president; Basil Frantz, vice chairman; Glenn Howell, non-member, secretary-treasurer (\$115); Frank Townend (\$600 plus \$200 special fee).

Lamoreaux is again roadmaster, Frank Lange, Police Chief, and John Gordon regular patrolman. Officers (\$1.15) are: Fred Nicely Jr., Al Hoover, Frank Wagner Jr., Bill Hersh, Frank Gelsleichter, Ernest Reese, Patrick McGough, John Gosart, Les Tinsley, and William Tregaskis.

Meeting time and place and bank repository are the same. Road crew rules remain the same, but truck drivers will get \$2 an hour, and labor is upped to \$1.75.

A \$3 per capita tax, \$2 a month trailer tax, and one per cent realty transfer tax were reenacted.

Philip Walter, new supervisor, was sworn in by Justice of the Peace Thomas Robinson.

### "Valley" Champs

Dallas High School won the Fifth Annual Wyoming Valley Invitational Tournament Wednesday, December 29, and star player Mike Wilkes was voted Most Valuable Player of the basketball season.

Dallas' winning game was against St. Mary's of Wilkes-Barre, 88-69, with Wilkes making 44 points and Roy Supulski 18.

## Lake Pay-phone "Bomb's" Source

A bomb hoax perpetrated by phone from Harveys Lake had law enforcement officers combing through schools in Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts Sunday, but the coast was clear when school convened on the following day.

No bomb was found although police and firemen, both civilian and firemen, checked every school in the district and some pay phones.

Following facts were ascertained by the Wilkes-Barre operator who received the call:

1/ it was a youthful male voice

2/ school threatened was "at the Lake"

3/ it was an elementary school, but police thought that might mean any elementary school in that district

4/ call was definitely made from a Lake pay phone (of which there are eight)

Call was received by the Bell telephone operator at 5 p.m. Sunday, and information was turned over to Howard Johns of Commonwealth Telephone Company, who immediately called Lake Township police, followed by others.

## Dallas Puts Off Taxing Utilities Pending Scheduled Court Argument

### Idea Of Compromise Dropped To Borough

Dallas Borough has stipulated it would not try to enforce its ordinance imposing pole inspection fee on utility lines until a hearing is held on the matter.

Borough solicitor Robert Fleming told the Dallas Post the dispute would be argued when the next equity court convenes, or in other words, less than two months hence.

Stipulation was made at a hearing Monday morning in which United Gas Improvement Company, 1401 Arch Street, Philadelphia, and Commonwealth Telephone Company, 100 Lake Street, Dallas, sought a preliminary injunction against Dallas to stop the borough from enforcing the provisions of the fee ordinance on January 31.

Commonwealth did not formally seek its injunction at this hearing because Judge Frank Pinola refused to hear it, being a stockholder in that company.

UGI withdrew its request for an

injunction upon presentation of borough stipulation. Borough counsel will offer Commonwealth a similar stipulation, and it is expected to withdraw its request for a preliminary injunction as well.

Law fixes a 50 cent annual license on each pole owned by a utility in the borough, and fixes a penalty of \$100 for failure to file statement of number of poles in the municipality, plus 6 per cent interest, as of January 31.

Utilities claim that Pennsylvania law says jurisdiction of activities and facilities lie solely in the Pennsylvania Utilities Commission.

Unofficially it is reported to the Dallas Post, it has reached Borough Council ears that one of the utilities, UGI, has indicated that it might countenance a 30-cent pole tax. Action on this by borough remains to be seen.

At reorganization meeting Monday night, Harold Brobst was again named chairman of the Borough Council, and Robert Moore, vice chairman.

Thomas H. Morgan, mayor and councilman Wilbur H. Davis, Robert F. Moore, and Paul J. LaBar were sworn in by Justice of the Peace Leonard Harvey, as were auditors Harry Smith and Francis J. Dixon.

Other appointments: Walter Rowett, secretary (\$720); W. B. Jeter, treasurer (\$50); Robert Fleming, solicitor (\$300); Russell Honeywell, police chief (\$3600); Alexander McCulloch, assistant chief (\$3600); special officers (\$1.60) are Raymond Titus, Charles Lamoreaux, William Berti, John Berti, Stephen Hartman, Clifford Garris, Donald Smith, and Clifford Foss.

Also: Andrew Peranto, road foreman (\$1.85); Kyle Cundiff, Frank Morgan, James Davies, and Lynn Sheehan, crew (\$1.60). Planning Commission and Building Inspector are reappointed.

## Ambulance Lent To Harveys Lake

### Badly Needed Until Wreck Is Replaced

Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company, Harveys Lake, is still operating an ambulance, following collision of the old one in Luzerne last week.

Practically identical to the one crashed, the ambulance has been lent by Wolfington Body Company, Philadelphia, from a new 1961 ambulance for Lake Township has been ordered.

A member of the emergency squad says the 1954 Cadillac now in temporary use at the Lake happened to be received at the Philadelphia company on the day following the crash in Luzerne, and Wolfington offered it for use until the 1961 Pontiac ordered by Lake is received.

Now in service at Edwardsville, the Pontiac is expected sometime in February when Edwardsville's new ambulance is received from Wolfington.

Coincidentally the 1954 Cadillac is almost a duplicate of the one which crashed except that it is white and does not have power steering.

### Tree Lights Stolen

Thirty light bulbs were stolen from Shel Evans Christmas tree during the holidays. This is the second theft for the Evanses. Two years ago, the lovely display was robbed of 6' lights.

### Missing Girl Spent Night In Woodland

A case of young love and parental objection is believed responsible for the disappearance of a Shavertown girl from her home on Monday.

Nancy Brown, 17, Ferguson Avenue, was driven to school by her father on Monday morning. She did not attend classes and was reported missing that evening by her father, Arja Brown.

The girl's whereabouts were not known until Tuesday evening when Thomas Campbell, 18, William Street, Shavertown, notified police that he had found her.

Campbell stated that he had come upon the missing girl on Tuesday morning, wet, cold, and crying in the woods behind Evergreen Cemetery. He took her to his home. The two young folks had been keeping company for some time and Campbell had given her a engagement ring for Christmas.

It was reported that when her mother discovered the ring she became angry.

Campbell had driven with his mother to a Wilkes-Barre Bus Station to leave for New Jersey where he is employed when he was informed by his brother that Nancy was missing. He returned and searched the area.

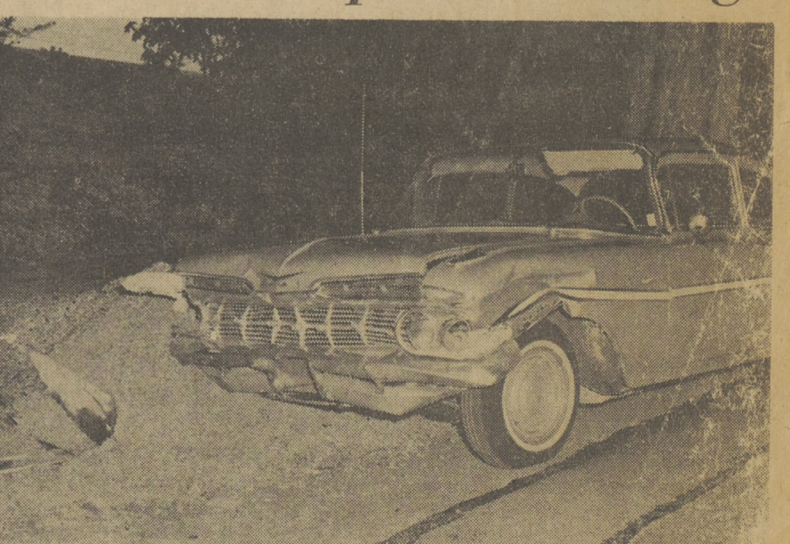
Nancy, a senior at Dallas High School and an honor student, is being held by juvenile authorities. No charges were preferred against Campbell.

## Without License, Dallas Driver Makes 4-point Landing



A place of wooden fence from Terrace Street crash remains stuck through the front of an erratically driven car which finally ramed this county cinder pile on Huntsville Road on Monday night.

Driver John Nekrasz Jr., 22, of 52 Monroe Avenue, was hospitalized by Dallas ambulance. He told police



Struck car was owned by Matt Evans, Church Street. Nekrasz car entered the back lot of Gate of Heaven School and broke the wall shown in photo. Then he drove down Huntsville Road, ramming into the cinder pile. Honeywell said he will charge

the driver with hit and run, as well as operating without a license (this permit had expired). It is understood that Nekrasz had taken a driver's test in Tunkhannock that day and he had not passed it. Officer William Berti helped investigate.

(Photo by Kozemczak)