

Building Permits Include \$25,000 Gas Station, Old One To Be Razed

Funds Allocated For New Borough Project

A planned \$25,000 service station for the center of Dallas Borough numbered among building permit applications received by Building Inspector Richard Disque in the past month, according to report at Borough Council meeting Tuesday night.

In preparation for the new building, to be erected by Atlantic Refining Company, the present service station, which occupies the site of the historic Raub Hotel, corner of highway, Lake and Church Streets, will be torn down at a cost of \$3500.

Disque withheld granting a building permit until consulting Council, which gave approval at this meeting.

Disque further reported that permits had been given to several other installations around town, including a septic tank and drainfield on Wellington Avenue, which had been installed several times before, without a permit, and with a result that some definite sewage problems with a french drain resulted. This time the job was done right.

Disque said that contractors and landowners have to be alerted that it is illegal to make major alterations of property without a building permit.

The building inspector also reported a stream of sewage water running out of a hole in a driveway on Main Avenue and down Main Street.

He also reported the existence of six "camper" trailers in Dallas Borough. Council said, however, that camper trailers are prohibited only as residences, and can be kept adjacent to homes until camping season. They cannot be permanent.

Disque revealed a prospective buyer for the Paul Eckert home on Machell Avenue who stipulated that she was not interested if the peat bogs on the Eckert property were to be reopened commercially. Building inspector said that he understood that Machell Avenue was now zoned residential. This posed the legal problem of whether zoning or not, a buyer of the peat bogs would not have legal rights to remove minerals from his property. Question was not answered.

Letter was received from the Liquor Control Board asking whether or not the borough had restrictions on signs, including signs from 3X3 to 4X4 and weighing 100 pounds. Liquor Control Board has a retail outlet store in Dallas, but did not state that it intended to put a sign of that description on the store.

Letter from Pennsylvania Department of Highways stated that \$4800 had been awarded Dallas from fuel taxes for purpose of new road construction. Council will decide on a project.

Awards Bids
Contract for road oil, stone, and mixed paving materials was awarded to American Asphalt Company of Chase as low bidder, while Dale Parry Company of Fernbrook was awarded contract for cold patch material.

Street Superintendent Andrew Peranto reported he had laid off one employee, Lynn Sheehan, for several reasons, and Sheehan appeared at meeting to speak before Peranto's allegations—to wit, that he had argued with a citizen over roadwork and with "other employees," as well as anonymous report that he had sat in a borough truck reading a newspaper. Sheehan's refutation of this matter was carried by Street Commissioner Wilbur Davis into a closed committee meeting after the regular meeting, and Peranto's decision was upheld.

Motion was approved to empower officers to borrow up to \$5000 in anticipation of taxes.

Fines received for the past month: \$1, received by Mayor Thomas Morgan. Councilman Wilbur Davis commented that there must be nothing but law-abiding citizens in Dallas when receipt of fines was so low.

Councilman Harold Brobst observed that property at the corner of Huntsville Road and Waters

of Luzerne Lumber Company. Masonic affiliations were with Keystone Consistory and Irem Temple. He was a member of Fox Hill Country Club.

He leaves his widow, the former Florence Post; a son, Willard Jr., of Dallas; a daughter, Mrs. C. P. Btkiewicz, also of Dallas; stepsons J. B. Post Jr. and Robert Post, Dallas; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Wentz, Forty Fort; a brother, Harvey John, Ormond Beach, Fla.

The Anthracite Dog Training Club will continue to take registrations for the regular ten week obedience training classes, 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 15, at the Naticoke State Armory, Sans Souci Highway. Pre-

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House-fire Quelled After Wire Smolders

Fire broke out in the home of Sarah Schmidle, Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, at around 7:15 a.m. yesterday, after a wire started to smolder in the wall between bedroom and hallway.

Shavertown Fire Company, which was called, responded with two pieces of equipment and put the fire out, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, Dallas, called later, standing by at the scene.

Firemen got at the short-lived blaze with an ax and booster line, saving the house. Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Roan was in charge of the Shavertown group, and Assistant Chief William Berti, of Dallas.

Schmidle home, two-story, is located across the road from Parker Fuel Company.

Cars Crash Violently In Trucksville



—Dallas Post Staff Photo
This two-car brush with death occurred at Trucksville on the highway Tuesday night, driver of car in foreground, Ernest Bradd, 65, Harvey Lake, rushed by ambulance to Nesbitt Hospital in critical condition.

Bradd's car appears in remarkably good repair in comparison to the one which struck it sidelong, the light-colored Plymouth in background, demolished, a passenger's head striking the windshield.

Bradd, who underwent emergency surgery upon arrival at the hospital, continued listed in "serious" condition yesterday afternoon.

Bradd car somehow crossed in front of one driven by Bonnie Lisk, 18, of 214 Chestnut Avenue, Kings-ton, and was struck on driver's side, careening up on the bank shown here, across from Woodland Inn, at about 7:30 p.m.

Passenger Donna Campbell, 18, 338 W. Eighth Street, West Wyoming, suffered a broken jaw when her head went through the windshield, and her face and head were cut. Richard Padgett, 20, sailor

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On Tuesday, William Harrison, 106 Pioneer Avenue, Trucksville, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital, Bill Kreischer and Harry Smith as crew.

Ernest Bradd, Bonnie Lisk, and Donna Campbell, accident victims Tuesday night, were taken to Nesbitt Hospital, Walter Davis, Bill Kreischer, and Arnold Yeust attending.

The dinner is a smorgasbord. Chairman Stanley promises that speeches will be cut to the minimum; that there will be a door prize; that everybody will have a chance to buy a potted geranium from the table decorations; and that there will be a social hour at 6 p.m.

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Kozemchak Not Proven Driver
Placing burden of proof on the Commonwealth that David M. Kozemchak, Huntsville, Dallas RD 4, was negligently driving a car which crashed and resulted in the death of two young friends, President Judge Frank L. Pinola found there was no evidence he was the driver at all.

Finding was brought about Monday as a result of an appeal taken by Kozemchak after the state suspended his junior operator's permit. Judge Pinola said the crucial factor in suspension of permit under the Motor Vehicle Code is whether or not the fatality resulted from operator's negligence. Here, court said, Commonwealth had not shown that Kozemchak was in fact the driver.

Following the accident March 21, 1965, investigation by Dallas Township police revealed no witnesses as to who among the three occupants of the car, Kozemchak, Robert L. Berlew, or Kerry Lynn Roberts, was driving at the time the car struck a large tree on Country Club Road and was demolished. Lone survivor, who lay in a coma for over a week, had lost his memory of the wreck, and had to be told of it.

Among the six findings of fact ascertained by the court, Kozemchak's role was shown only in so far as he was an occupant of the car, which had been loaned to him by Dr. G. W. Klem, of Huntsville, as it had been previously.

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School Champions To Be Feted Wednesday

Champion high school athletes and coaches will be honored by the Dallas Kiwanis Club on Wednesday evening, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at a Sports Night at the Brothers Four Restaurant, President John A. Blase announced today.

Members of the Dallas Area High School's championship basketball team and several champion wrestlers from Lake-Lehman and Dallas High Schools will be among the honored guests. In addition, the members of the Dallas Lettermen's Booster Club will be invited to participate in the festivities.

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Armed Robbery Tried At Tavern
An attempted armed robbery at a local tavern early yesterday morning has been revealed to the Dallas Post by reliable sources.

According to the report, Mitchell Wojtowicz, owner of the Farmer's Inn, Hillside Road, surprised the thief at 2:30 a.m. as the latter tried to pry open a cash drawer with Wojtowicz's butcher knife. Apprehensive of burglaries, the owner was sleeping in back of the tavern at the time.

Upon seeing Wojtowicz the thief reportedly threatened his life with the knife, and when the owner went for his gun, the intruder leaped over the bar and crashed out through a window in the door.

No car was apparent, and the owner, in company with Jackson Township police, searched the region.

Unconfirmed reports had it that a man answering the description of the thief had been a patron at the bar that night.

Jones Named To Jackson Police
Supervisors Donate \$100 To Fire Fund

Donald Jones was appointed to full-time Jackson Township police service as of May 1 until November 1, at Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday night. He will be hired on an hourly basis after that.

Jones fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Assistant Police Chief Roland Gensel last year. President of the board, Wesley Lamoreaux, made the recommendation, and approval was unanimous.

Jones, 30, is a graduate of Harter High School. He had police experience while serving in the United States Army. Married and with three children, he is self-employed as a distributor of Mack Tools. He has lived in Jackson all his life.

Also appointed was Andrew Kasco Jr., on call from Chief Cooper or Jones. Kasco is 34 years old, single, born and raised at Chase.

Richard Holodick, president, and Steve Krupinski, vice president, received a check of \$100 for the new fire truck from the Board of Supervisors.

The gift was deemed a fitting one by officers of the association, which needed a doctor's bag to carry first aid equipment. It came as a coincidence that, when the first aid committee announced to the Association that a doctor's bag would be useful, the Dallas Post was in possession of the one carried by Dr. Schooley.

Beside the great historic value of the gift, said Leighton Scott, ambulance association president, the old-style doctor's bag has the advantage of lots of room for bulky first aid equipment as compared to the new relatively compact bags.

The well-known doctor died at age 53 in 1952 after suffering a heart attack at the home of a Dallas patient. It was on the opening day of the Sixth Library Auction, which was so beloved an event to him that, when he was told by another physician that he must go to the hospital, Dr. Schooley is reported to have protested: "I'm going to the Library Auction tonight!"

It was proposed that a Sherman Schooley room be dedicated in the Library, and as a memento, his widow agreed to give the physician's black leather case. It has been at the Dallas Post since that time, as the room was never established.

Mrs. Schooley was happy to agree to put the bag back into service at the request of Myra Risley for the ambulance association.

Scott said: "The doctor's bag will serve Dallas Community in a way that would doubtless appeal to the well-known country practitioner even more than if it were to lie in exhibit—that is, it will be used once more to help the injured. Dr. Schooley died before the Dallas Community ambulance was ever conceived, and so he never knew of the organization, but the spirit of the doctor's visit of mercy to homes will, in this small way, as in the memory of his many patients, live on."

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Dallas School Directors Hold Tax To 36 Mills And Per Capita At \$10

Miners National To Figure Payroll

Dallas School Board directors spent hours studying the proposed budget for 1966-67 before submitting it for approval at a meeting of the group on Tuesday evening.

Millage remains at 36 and per capita taxes at \$10, showing no increase for property owners although a substantial increase in expenditures had to be met. All directors were in accord with the \$1,583,300 figure arrived at, and it was the first time that Director Andrew Kozemchak approved a budget since he was elected to the Board.

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Temporarily Wall
A temporary wall was approved for installation on the stage at Westmoreland School to replace the curtain, eliminate noise from cafeteria, and make it possible for remedial classes to be held in the cafeteria area. The secretary was advised to advertise for bids.

Miss Elaine Lawrence, who has been employed as a full time substitute, was approved as a professional employee under contract.

The resignation of Frederick J. Case as coach of Junior High School Baseball was accepted. Named as coaches were Blaine E. Burgert and James T. Morgan. William E. Straiff will coach track team.

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