

## Back Mountain Boys In Service In Vietnam

Mitchell R. Allen  
Thomas G. Appel  
Dale J. Belles  
William Biggs  
William Boyle  
Richard Bronson  
Charles W. Chappell  
Ronald Culver  
Ernest Davis  
Russell E. Denmon  
Carl Edwards  
Dennis Ferry  
John J. Ferry  
Jonathan Ginochetti  
Ronald Gosart  
John Horniak  
Orville Ide  
William Jones  
Clayton Keiper  
James D. Kytelle  
Larry Lettie  
Clyde Major  
Robert Martin  
Bernard Mazer  
Ralph McCormack  
John McMillan  
Paul Meeker  
Leo Mohen  
John Mokyshik  
David Nevel  
Jon Newberry  
Kenneth F. Novis  
Arthur Owen  
Albert Phillips  
Lawrence L. Richards  
Harold Roberts  
Karl Scholl  
Joseph Schrey  
Francis Sebolka  
Rudolph Siffar  
Terry Smith  
Kenneth Spencer  
Robert Traver  
John B. VanHorn  
Gerald Wagner  
George W. Wesley  
George Whitesell  
Donald Williams  
LeRoy Williams  
Larry Wolfe  
Arnold D. Wright

**ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
The Township Supervisors will meet in a new place Saturday night at the Ross Municipal Building instead of Ross Elementary School.

## Walter Hoover Retained As Board Head; Jones Named New Solicitor

Walter Hoover was reelected chairman of Lake Township Supervisors Tuesday evening at the reorganization meeting of that body with Alger Shafer selected as vice chairman.

Atty. Benjamin R. Jones, III, was named solicitor and will attend all meetings and special meetings of the board. Sharon Whitesell did not vote. John Stenger was reappointed secretary-treasurer, a post which he has admirably filled. Henry Stefanowicz was named Sanitary Inspector and commended on past performances.

Calvin McHose accepted the post of Amusement Tax Collector and in presenting his report on township

## Loyalville Fire Wipes Out Family

Home Is Total Loss Cause Undetermined

An old single block two story home burned to the ground at Loyalville on Saturday despite the efforts of Harveys Lake and Sweet Valley Fire Companies to save the structure.

Occupied by the Roscoe Harrison family which included five children, the fire was discovered shortly after noon on the last day of the old year.

Reported by a neighbor, the roof had fallen in and the center of the dwelling was an inferno by the time firemen arrived.

Chief Richard Williams said the intense heat and complete consumption precluded saving the home, although twenty men from the Lake volunteers and an equal number from Sweet Valley stayed at the scene for an hour and a half.

All belongings were lost by the Harrison family. The home was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Martin, Plains, Pa.

Mrs. Harrison and her children were taken in by Mrs. Martha Steinruck, who resides nearby. The home was located on Rt. 29 about a mile from the Kupstas' Store.

The Red Cross is attempting to find another residence for the family. The children attend Lake Lehman Schools.

## Fire Reporting System For Jax

9 Phones Installed To Expedite Service

Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department announces completion of its new fire-reporting system. Commonwealth Telephone Company installed nine fire-phones, one each in the homes of nine key firemen, finishing the work last week.

The phones ring in all nine homes, and keep ringing until the call is answered by a fireman or other authorized person.

A button located alongside the instrument activates the siren, thus eliminating a waiting period. Firemen, knowing the location of the fire, can go immediately, without wasting time running to the fire hall to inquire.

Residents in the area are asked to note the new number, which is to be used ONLY for fire or emergency calls. The number is 696-1213. A note of this number will expedite help in case of fire.

When trying to reach the firehall, and not the fire company, residents must dial 696-1818.

The number 696-1213 will set all the fire-phones ringing, and cause unnecessary confusion.

Heretofore, only two telephones were geared to fire emergency use. The party who answered had to go outside the home to sound the siren, then go to the fire hall and write the location of the fire on a blackboard for guidance of volunteers before starting for the fire with the pumper.

On one occasion, both parties were out of town simultaneously over a weekend. Providentially, there were no fires.

Chief Dale Wright states that in January the company is considering the purchase of Scott Air Packs.

Richard Holodick is president, Steve Krupinski, vice president, Bob Cooper (also police chief) secretary, Henry Zbick, treasurer. Fire Chief Wright has as assistants patrolman Don Jones, Carl Aston and Fred Fielding.

The entire fire company has as its goal the evolution of the Jackson Fire Company into a leader in its field.

Another goal is that of making the fire hall a true community center.

With this in mind, the company wishes its people a Happy New Year, as well as a safe winter without fire and catastrophe, and asks for continued support of the fire department.

## Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Kingston Township

December 29 — Sherman Harter, Westmoreland Hills, to Nesbitt Hospital. Marvin Yeust, Carl Miers.

December 31 — Peter Blazes, Memorial Highway, to Nesbitt Hospital. Marvin Yeust, Jack Lasher.

January 2 — Mary Andrew, Perrin Avenue, to Nesbitt Hospital. J. Lasher, M. Yeust.

January 3 — Thomas Cawley, Carverton Road, to Nesbitt Hospital. William Frederick, Ted Newcomb.

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## Idetown Fire Company To Meet January 6th

The next meeting of the Jonathan R. Davis Volunteer Fire Company, Idetown, will be held on Friday, January 6th, at 8 p.m. in the fire hall.

All members are urged to attend.

hannock. Arnold Yeust, W. Frederick.

January 4 — Mrs. Karl Stock, Trucksville, to General Hospital. Alan Nichols, William Bradbury.

Harveys Lake

December 29 — Walter Sorber, Outlet, to General Hospital. John Stenger, Fred Javer, Claude Neifert.

Superstition Pays Off

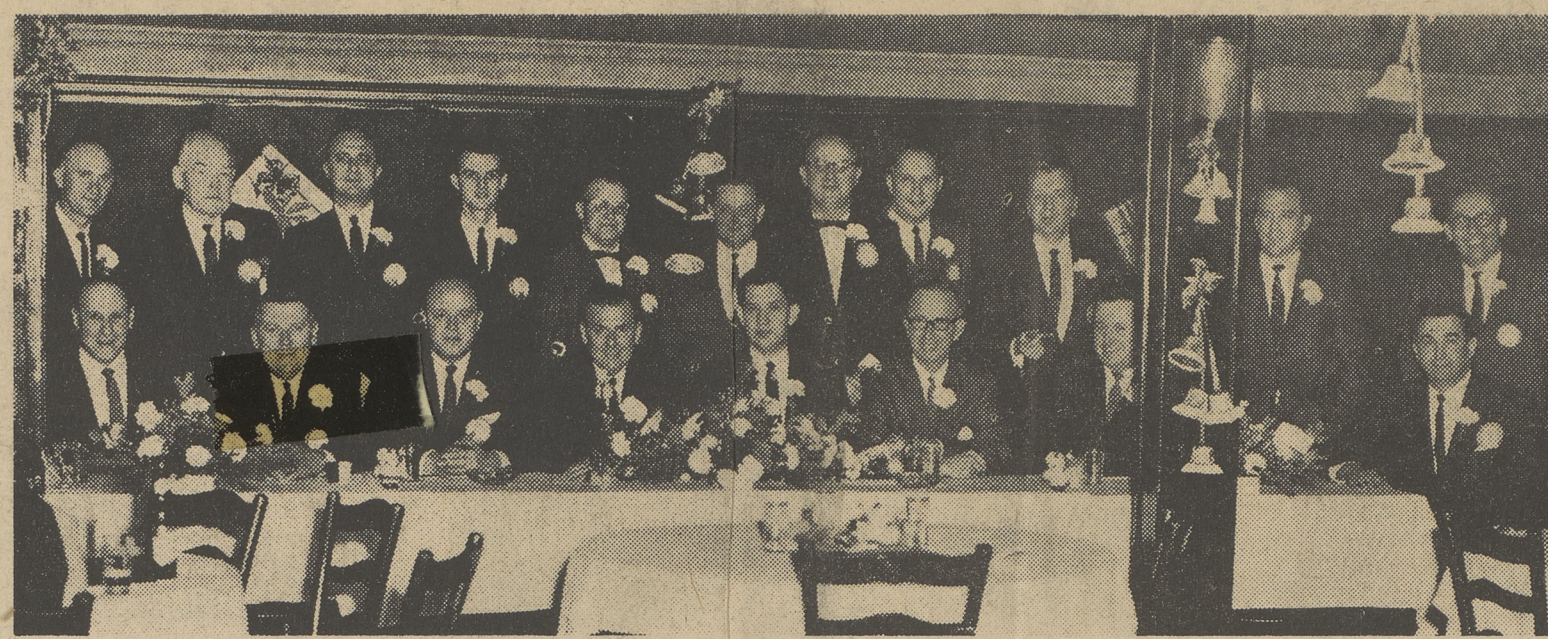
Atlantic Service Station in central Dallas is superstitious.

Since a car belonging to Hix had been the last to be washed before the old station was demolished, Mr. Williams figured the Hix car ought to be the first to go through the new wash-rack, to christen the station.

He sent up for it Wednesday morning, and returned it gleaming.

Then he added a bonus, patting down the snow in the Hix parking slot with the red jeep.

## Dallas Lions Club Welcomes New Members



—photo by Kozemchak

Pictured above are committee members and officers of the Dallas Lions Club at their Christmas party held at Brothers Four, Dallas, on December 10. Reading left to right,

sitting, were Michael Crisci, Joseph Harrington, T. Russell Bevan, Edward Buckley, John Shinal, outgoing president, Richard Myers, Thomas Reese and Eugene DeStefano.

Standing, Andrew Sokol, John Hilbert, Pete Williams, Ralph Hood, James Agnew, Thomas Kane, Gus Shuleski, Jerry Sherman, A. George Payne, John Maniskas and Dr. I.

Berger. The following were installed as new members, Sokol, Shuleski, Sherman, Willard eNwberry, Don Nagle and Don Busch.

## ROAMING DOGS CAUSE POLICE CAPTURE TO SOLVE LAKE PROBLEM

All dogs, licensed or unlicensed, running loose in Lake Township will be picked up by the police. Fines will be imposed and dogs destroyed if not claimed and kept confined.

Many complaints dictated action by the supervisors.

## Borough Seeking Assistant Chief

Dallas Borough is advertising for somebody to take the job of assistant Chief of Police.

The position had been offered to William Bertis some months ago, but had been refused because of demands of the Bertis hauling business, which is steadily growing, keeping both Bill and Jack Bertis on their toes.

Both men resigned late in December as patrolmen, working evenings.

Ray Titus, who was also asked to serve, finds himself unable to add anything more to the duties of his new business, but still is available after hours when necessary. Charles Lamoreaux assists.

Russell Honeywell, chief of police, has held the position for twenty years. Sandy McCulloch, his assistant, left in August.

Bill Bertis is assistant chief of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, a position which he expects to hold. "There've always been Bertis in the fire company," he explains.

## Lamoreaux Is Reelected Head

Wesley Lamoreaux was reelected chairman of Jackson Township Board of Supervisors Tuesday evening at the reorganization meeting held at the fire hall.

Mr. Lamoreaux said he did not want the top position but was chosen again anyway. Elmer Laszkowski was elected co-chairman.

Harold Bertram, third member of the supervisory board was returned to his post as road supervisor. Edward Jeffrey was retained as secretary. W. Lamoreaux will be assistant road supervisor.

Robert Cooper was reappointed police chief and Andrew Kasco and Donald Jones were named patrolmen. The two will work full time in the summer and will be on call during the winter months.

Atty. Jonathan Valentine was reappointed solicitor and Robert Cooper zoning officer.

Pay scales were decided upon with patrolmen given a 15c an hour raise and truck drivers and operators a raise of 25c an hour in an effort to obtain more workmen who will agree to work in the wee hours during stormy weather.

Road supervisor also received an increase of 45c an hour and zoning officer a \$10 per month raise.

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## Strike-Bound Linear Plant Has Been Out Of Action For Over Five Months

Letter From Manager To Employees Reveals Over Million Loss In 10 Years Operation

It has been five months and five days since the Linear plant was closed.

Signs reading LOCKOUT have recently been removed from the scene of the continuing Linear strike, since the decision was handed down that no unfair labor practices had been employed by the company.

A letter written to all employees of the company, dated September 1, 1966, reads:

"We are taking the unusual step of writing you directly because of the very serious problems which have developed in the attempted negotiation of a new contract with the Rubber Workers Union. We have been negotiating with the International representative and with officers of the Union through various sessions for in excess of 40 hours, and we have reached a complete impasse.

"The Company has attempted to explain that it is in very serious financial condition. Profit and loss statements covering the last 10 years of operation were submitted to the Union Committee, and these indicate that Linear lost well over \$1,000,000 in the last ten years.

"The company cannot continue to operate indefinitely without showing a profit. No business can."

"Because of the fact that the cost of production has been rising at the Linear Plant at the same time that the outflow of finished products has been dropping, it is becoming more and more expensive to maintain our operation, and it is more and more difficult to sell our products in the open market in competition with other O-Ring manufacturers in the United States.

"Shortly after negotiations began, the company submitted, a drastically revised contract to the Union, under which we hoped it would be possible for work to be continued at the Dallas Plant without interruption.

"This contract was not submitted in any effort to win any points or beat down the negotiating committee, but was submitted in a desperate effort to keep the plant operating in the light of its serious losses.

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less pay than those on the incentive system working thirty hours a week.

The matter of overtime and vacation was stated in plain English. James Groenky, President of the company, met with negotiators, on Tuesday, August 30, and for three hours attempted to explain to the Union Bargaining Committee the serious financial position of the company. He stated that if Linear were to resume operations, it would cost approximately \$250,000 to bring it up to full production before any money started to come in.

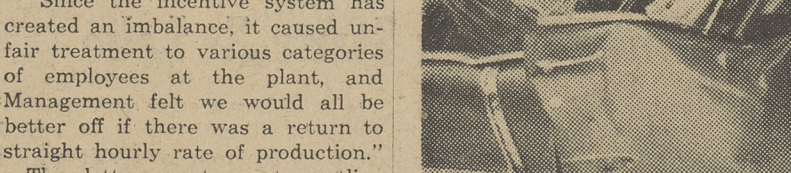
Mr. Groenky at this time offered to give the company to the International Union for no cash outlay, and allow the Union to operate the plant if they would agree to assume its debts and liabilities.

"I assure you that the Company is incurring serious losses day by day in being closed, and very soon a serious decision will have to be made concerning whether or not the plant will ever again be able to open its doors. We do not like the thought of closing the plant, but the economic facts of the situation may very soon leave us no other choice.

"All we want is a return to work under conditions that will enable us to both to live."

"Signed, Carlton E. Collier, Manager."

## Dallas Student Pinned In This Crash Suffers Severe Injuries



The crumpled right side of the Alexander car which hit five other parked automobiles on Saturday evening is pictured above, showing clearly the twisted wreckage which held Philip Cheney prisoner for nearly an hour on Country Club Road.

Cheney suffered severe leg injuries in the crash which sent both Cheney and Donald Alexander to the hospital in a New Year's Eve tragedy.

Illegally parked cars along this stretch are causing hazards which Police Chief Frank Lange says will be removed and the owners prosecuted.

Many coming to sleighride in the vicinity are using the two car lane for parking and presenting a big problem for the patrolmen.

In the case of the multiple crash, drivers were attending a party in the near vicinity.

—photo by R. Besecker

## Dallas Post-Office Gets Government Tenant, Soil And Water Conservation

Back Mountain Conservation-Conscious Dallas Logical Center For Headquarters

Another portion of the Dallas Post Office went into action on Tuesday, when the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service moved into the wing which had been awaiting it.

The agency, badly cramped for lack of space in the Luzerne County Courthouse Annex, has been slated to move into the Dallas Post Office ever since it was decided to construct a large enough building to house a government agency in addition to postal facilities.

Larry W. Corson, Work Unit Conservationist, says that Dallas is the

logical center for his unit, as much of the work is done in the Back Mountain, which is conservation conscious. The agency provides technical assistance to landowners who want to develop a conservation plan.

Help is also provided for landowners who want to study and apply conservation techniques on their property.

Soil and water conservation is seen as a fundamental need of the area. To this end, a soil survey for Luzerne County is being completed by the two Soil Scientists Dennis Bush and William Braker.

Carl Greenley, Soil Conservation Aide, says he will not be spending much time in the new suite of offices, that his work will be largely in the field. Joy Dagle will be secretary.

Mr. Corson, Mr. Bush, Mr. Braker and Mr. Greenley, were unpacking their supplies on Tuesday, with expectation of being completely settled by Wednesday. They expect a steady stream of visitors to discuss what they can do for the soil and what the soil can do for them.

With the public newly conscious to the dangers of erosion of the soil, and recognition of a steadily dropping water table, this new office will erect guide lines and give constructive assistance.

Pamphlets and other literature are available.

Edward Buckley, Postmaster, expresses gratification that the new building will now be used to capacity.

The new suite of offices opens off the main lobby, with an entrance also at the rear, leading to mailing platform and parking lot.

The Soil Conservation Unit is not connected with the Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Program, but a separate entity.

## Dallas Council Reduces Millage

First Governing Body To Cut Tax Expense

Dallas Borough Council at an adjourned meeting Thursday evening became the first municipality in the Back Mountain to lower the millage in anticipation of revenues from the 1% wage tax.

This will lessen the burden for taxpayers three mills, a drop from 12 mills to 9.

At the same time the budget for 1967 was adopted and raises given police officers and road workers.

Chief Russell Honeywell received an increase of \$400 per year and all hourly workers were given a 15c per hour raise.

Harold Brobst presided.

Council was unanimous in its decision keeping a promise made to the public that if they were forced to adopt the wage tax, first imposed in Wilkes-Barre City, that they would cut the millage for residents of the community. This they have done promptly.

## Hall Takes Post As Board Head

Edward Hall, newly elected member of Kingston Township Supervisors, accepted the presidency of that group on Tuesday evening after both LaRoy Ziegler and John Funke refused the post.

Hall first declined the motion of Funke and Ziegler but following a short recess accepted. He said he would take the chairmanship only if he had 100% cooperation from the two other board members.

Ziegler accepted the vice chairmanship and Funke the office of treasurer. Solicitor Mitchell Jenkins acted as temporary chairman.

Herbert Updyke was retained as police chief and James Sisco as assistant. Lawton Culver also was reappointed road supervisor.

The reappointment of Atty. Mitchell Jenkins was made as was that of Barbara Brown as secretary to the board. Updyke was also assigned as zoning officer and William Robbins custodian.

The two daughters, Jackie and Betsy, now Mrs. Leo Dumbrowski and Mrs. Gerald French, were summoned. Jackie's two daughters, Amy, 8, and Cathie, 2, are with the Dolbears.

Investigation of the basement showed the stoker in operation but the cellar blinding with fumes.

Mr. Mulcey met the ambulance at the hospital.

When Mrs. Mulcey was discovered

in a deep coma in her upstairs bedroom, Mrs. Dolbear immediately started mouth to mouth respiration, with Walter and Bob taking turns.

Dallas ambulance, staffed by Roth and Shaffer, provided oxygen, a respirator, and heart massage.

Dr. Charles Perkins ordered immediate removal to Nesbitt, where Mrs. Mulcey remained unconscious all day Wednesday. At press time she had not regained consciousness, but was breathing more easily.

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## New Year's Eve Crash Hurts Two

Parked Cars Leave Roadway Space Nil

Philip Cheney, Center Hill Road, Dallas, underwent surgery at Nesbitt Hospital yesterday morning following severe leg injuries suffered in an automobile accident Saturday evening at Shrineview.

The young man, a senior at Dallas High School, was pinned in the automobile driven by Donald Alexander, Franklin Street, Dallas, after their vehicle hit a car parked on the right side of the road. The impact started a chain reaction involving four other cars parked along Country Club Road between the Durkin and DeWees properties.

Alexander told police he was on his way to Irem Temple Country Club, where both boys were employed part time, when another car coming from the club blinded him. He was unable to see the parked vehicles as they rested on a knoll and no lights were left on to warn motorists.

First car hit was that owned by Jeffrey S. Walling, Riverside Drive, N. Y., with the rear of the Walling machine telescoping the right side of Alexander's car where Cheney was sitting.

The lad's legs were pinned by the crash and it took ambulance crews from Dallas, 45 minutes to free the victim. Birth's tow truck finally pulled away part of the metal which blocked the door entry and Cheney was rushed to Nesbitt Hospital suffering a completely fractured upper right leg which was also chipped, deep laceration under the right eye, bruises and contusions along his entire right side.

Alexander was admitted with lacerations of the face and head and X-rays were taken to determine if there were any cracked ribs, since he complained of chest pains.

Accident occurred at 11:20 and was investigated by Lester Tinsley and Al Hoover, Dallas Township Police. Tinsley came upon the accident scene when he was patrolling the area. Other cars involved in the mishap were owned by Robert Goodman, Harold Harris, Jr., Samuel Mitchell, all of Kingston, and Thomas Gorski, Larksville. All received tickets for illegal parking.

Dallas Ambulance crew members who came to the rescue were Robert Besecker, Ed Roth, Gil Morris and James Davies.