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## Magistrate given oath for Dallas

Magisterial District 3-8, comprising Dallas and Harveys Lake Boroughs, Dallas, Jackson, Lake, Lehman and Plymouth Townships, has a new magistrate.

Leonard D. Harvey, 21 Woodlawn Ave., Dallas, was sworn into office Friday, Dec. 4. Swearing-in ceremonies were held in the Luzerne County Court-house, with President Judge Bernard C. Brominski hearing Mr. Harvey's oath.

Magistrate Harvey was appointed by Gov. Raymond P. Shafer, and will serve until the first Monday of January, 1972.

The magisterial vacancy occurred March 28 upon the death of Harold Major, who died only three months following his election. Irene P. Major, his widow, was named to the position but resigned after two days in office.

A Justice of the Peace since 1948, Mr. Harvey will have his office in the Dallas Borough municipal building. Until Dec. 23, his office hours will be irregular. As of that date he is severing his employment with American Chain and Cable Company. Mr. Harvey was employed by the Wilkes-Barre firm for a total of 37 years.

The new magistrate said that after Dec. 23 he plans to maintain office hours five days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "I will be on call, of course, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if I am needed," he declared.

Rita Pilger will continue to serve as office secretary.

Although his appointment term is until January of 1972, the judicial officer stated he will run for the post in the May primary. If elected, he then would serve a six-year term.

Born in Harveyville, Mr. Harvey has resided in the Back Mountain since age four. He is married to the former Marion Weintz of Meeker. The couple has one married daughter, Mrs. Lee Brace, of Sweet Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Brace have a son, Lee Jr.

In his long tenure as a Justice of the Peace, Mr. Harvey has handled a wide variety of cases. "I will do all I can to treat all people right while I am magistrate," promised the law administrator.

## rumors rife in rape case

An 18-year old married man who resides in Dallas Township turned himself in to township police Friday morning after being sought on an alleged statutory rape charge.

The Back Mountain area was rife with rumors concerning the case. Dallas Township police officers emphasized that no rape was committed in

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## educational radio plans set

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Educational Television Association supported by a \$25,000 grant and hopeful of receiving another \$105,000 in federal funds has made formal application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for authority to construct a new public, non-commercial educational FM radio broadcast station.

The non-profit, community-owned NPETA operates WVIA-TV Channel 44, the region's public TV station. The public radio station will be under the same management as Channel 44.

George H. Strimel Jr., executive vice president and general manager of Channel 44, said the association has been given top priority by the State Department of Education to receive both state and federal funds. The cost to build and equip the public radio out-let—first of its type to serve the entire region—will be \$140,000. While the association has already received the state grant, the \$105,000 federal request is now before the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Mr. Strimel said.

The proposed radio station will operate at 89.1 on the FM dial with maximum power from an antenna height of 1,250 feet. Studios will be located in the proposed \$400,000 public communications



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The Honorable Peter Paul Olszewski, left, and the Honorable Robert J. Hourigan, second from right, look on as President Judge Bernard C. Brominski administers the oath of office to Leonard Harvey, newly appointed magistrate in District 3-8. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the County Court House Friday morning.

## 2 snowmobiles rescued good as new from lake

Almost as good as new, two snowmobiles were pulled from a watery resting place Sunday morning after lying in the lake at Frances Slocum State Park since Friday evening.

The unusual mishap occurred when the driver of a tractor with a flatbed trailer, swerved the vehicle to avoid hitting a deer. A heavy chain used to hold the snowmobiles on the trailer snapped with the sudden movement and the two small vehicles dropped down an embankment from the berm to the lake. They landed about 30 feet from the shore in water 20-25 feet deep.

The truck's operator, Victor Shimonis, 11 Reynolds St., Hughestown, was returning to his home from Williamsport, where he had purchased the new snowmobiles for himself and Mrs. Shimonis.

Kingston Township Police Chief Herbert Urdyke reported that Mr. Shimonis was traveling east on Carverton Road.

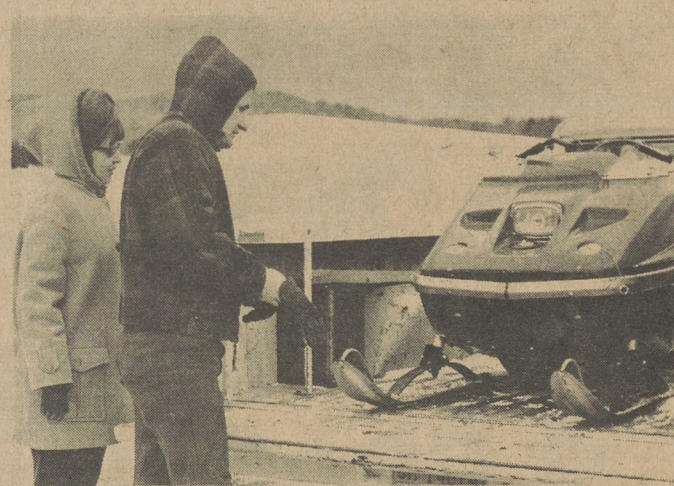
Recovery operations could not get underway until a scuba diver was available.

At 11:03 Sunday morning, Thomas O'Brien, Lower Demunds Road, Dallas Township, entered

the water in his diving apparatus. He was assisted by his son, Tom, although the latter did not go into the water himself.

At 11:19, Mr. O'Brien reported he had found the machines, and two minutes later the first snowmobile was pulled from the water, with the aid of a wrecker from Wesley's Station.

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center to be built by Channel 44 at the Avoca Airport next year. The building, as previously announced, will house new studios and offices for Channel 44. The transmitter for the public radio station will be located at Penobscot Knob, Mountaintop.

Upon implementation, the FM radio outlet will be an affiliate of National Public Radio. Operating funds will come from the state, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and the public.

As a public radio station, instructional programs will be aired during daytime hours. Evening programming will include National Public Radio offerings. The FM station will stress educational talk and interviews, drama and do much mobile broadcasting from such locations as schools and colleges.

In detailing the financing construction and equipping the modern automated FM station, Mr. Strimel said he is optimistic that favorable federal action on funding will be taken soon and the region will reap the benefits of public, noncommercial radio.

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## Dr. Mellman resigns post in local schools

Dr. Robert A. Mellman, superintendent of Dallas School District, presented his letter of resignation Tuesday night to the Board of School Directors at their regular meeting in the Dallas Senior High School library.

His resignation was accepted "with regrets" by the directors.

In his letter, Dr. Mellman asked that his resignation be effective as of July 1, 1971, the date of "my retirement."

He further stated, "I consider it a privilege to have served as superintendent of the Dallas School District, and appreciate the cooperation and support of the Board of School Directors, the dedicated employees, the understanding citizens of the

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## heart attack victim crashes into abutment

An elderly Dallas Township resident suffered a fatal heart attack Friday evening at 6:20 as he was operating his compact foreign-made automobile on Lake Street, Dallas Township.

According to township police, Dwight D. Fisher, 74, of Pioneer Avenue, Box 21-A, Dallas, was traveling alone in a Volkswagen sedan on Lake Street when he was stricken. After his heart attack, Mr. Fisher slumped over the steering wheel, and his foot forced the accelerator to the floor. His car veered off the right side of the pavement, hitting a bridge abutment 50 feet south of Elmcrest Drive.

Mr. Fisher was pronounced dead at 6:25 p.m. at the scene by Deputy Coroner Richard Disque. His injuries were listed as a crushed chest, broken right thigh, broken left forearm and wrist, lacerations and abrasions of forehead, right arm and left knee. His body was removed from the accident site by the coroner.

It was reported Mr. Fisher had been visiting at the Robert Rinehimer residence on 42nd Street and was on his way home.

A total loss, the death car was towed by Wesley's Station wrecker.

Investigating officers were Dallas Township Patrolmen Douglas Lamoreaux and Carl Miers; assisted by Special Patrolman Charles Finn of Dallas Borough and Patrolman William Pugh of Kingston Township.

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Top left: Victor Shimonis and his wife survey the damage done to their brand new snowmobile after it was dunked in the lake at Frances Slocum State Park Friday night. Top right: Thomas O'Brien, a professional scuba diver, lowers himself into the freezing water to search for the submerged snowmobiles. Bottom: Recovery operations were handled by Kingston Township police, with the aid of a wrecker supplied by Wesley's.