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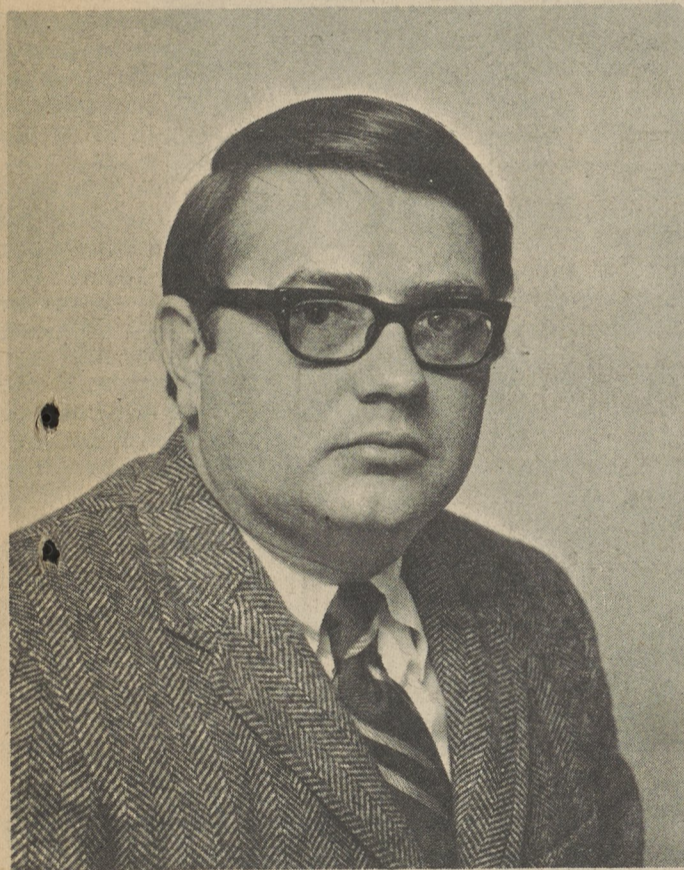
FIFTEEN CENTS



Water sprays from the ice-covered ledges of the falls below Huntsville Dam as the rays of the sun momentarily hit the icy water.

Price to run for position on Dallas school board

The snow banks may be five feet high, but as sure a harbinger of spring as the first robin is the first candidate's hat thrown into the ring. This year that honor belongs to William Price, a Midway



William Price

area blanketed by 8 inch snow

The heaviest snowfall of the winter began late Sunday afternoon at 5:30 and continued well on into the night, with accumulations of up to 8 inches.

The white stuff fell so fast and heavy that the National Weather Service had recorded 5 inches by midnight, and still it continued to fall. The storm's intensity seemed to increase during the early morning hours Monday before finally tapering off. It had roared out of the South, moving up along the Eastern coastline.

Maintenance crews on regional highways had a difficult time keeping roads open for traffic.

At approximately 10 p.m. Sunday, northbound traffic on Route 309 at the intersection of Carverton Road, Trucksville, was completely stalled. Traffic in both north lanes was bumper to bumper, with a large number of cars involved. Several cars had to be abandoned along the edge of the highway.

Snow plows finally got around the massive lines by moving along the shoulder between the highway and Toby's Creek. Once the trucks got in front, they were able to move in tandem, clearing

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Manor resident who is seeking a slot on the Republican slate for Dallas School Board membership.

A 1957 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Mr. Price is well-acquainted with the ins and outs of academe. He is presently an assistant professor of history at King's College, having received an M.A. degree from the University of Scranton in 1966 and a bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg State in 1961. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the State University of Ohio.

Mr. Price is also well-acquainted with the specifics of the Dallas School District; he served as a classroom teacher in the Dallas Junior High School from 1961 to 1965.

His candidacy for the school board follows his conviction that "professional educators must take part in education not only to help make quality education an actuality as well as an ideal, but also to better assess the needs of a given school system within the intellectual and material realms."

He regrets that there is a tendency to use the school plant as a symbol of quality education, when in fact the real indication of a quality school system is its teaching staff. Materials are necessary, he hastens to add, but they should be utilized for teacher supplementation rather than teacher substitution.

"In order to have any degree of quality education there must be a stable faculty committed to the students and to the district," he asserts, "and this is not possible unless the district is committed to the teacher."

He is a realist about taxes, and maintains that "we must accept the fact that the cost of education will go up yearly." He does not condone careless spending, however, and suggests that there is a "need for the re-evaluation of school district needs."

Rather than follow traditional guidelines of expenditures, he suggests, one must "explore new avenues to re-direct funds to assure maximum usage of taxes."

He questions the wisdom of the current Dallas building program, asserting that "it would be foolish to plunge forward into any new building program until the State situation levels out." He advocates a three year waiting period of re-evaluation and re-definition of goals before starting any new building project in the Dallas school district.

So far as kids go, he's convinced they're "extremely sophisticated in many ways." In terms of academic potential, he declares, it's absolutely astonishing what they can do, given the right motivation and the opportunity to express themselves."

Married to the former Sylvia Knauer, Mr. Price is the father of two children. He is a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

warrant for Wilson never carried out

by Shawn Murphy

John Wilson, the Noxen man accused of fatally shooting George Wesley in the parking lot of Sorber's Hotel Jan. 10, is held now without bail in the Luzerne County Prison awaiting presentment of his case before the next grand jury.

Had the sheriffs of either Luzerne or Lackawanna Counties been able to carry out a warrant issued for Wilson's arrest Oct. 16, 1970, it is conceivable that the alleged killer would have been jailed three months ago.

The warrant in question was issued by Luzerne County Judge Peter Paul Olszewski when Wilson failed to show up for a trial on an assault and

FBI arrests gambling ring

The alleged ringleader of a 7-state gambling operation was arrested Saturday in Dallas by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

George Peter Delvecchio of Dallas was among 11 residents of Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties taken into custody for their alleged part in a nationwide betting ring, with emphasis on basketball and horse-racing events.

Delvecchio's address was listed as Valley View Drive, Shrine Acres, Dallas. He is reportedly known also as George Julio.

A 1970 Cadillac and a 1964 Buick were seized by FBI agents, who reported both were used by Delvecchio in his alleged operation which was supposedly headquartered in Dallas and Wilkes-Barre.

Repeated efforts were made by this newspaper to contact Delvecchio. However, there were no listings in the Dallas area telephone directory in either of the names by which he is known to the FBI. A number of local police officers were contacted, but they stated they had no information on him.

A preliminary arraignment was held before U.S. Commissioner Neville B. Shea. The 11 were released on \$5,000 bail. Hearings will be held Feb. 25 and 26.

The accused were charged under a law enacted Oct. 15, 1970, which makes it a federal offense to conduct gambling operations which are illegal under local and state laws. Specifically, they are charged with violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Sections 1955, 371 and 3. Section 1955 makes it a federal offense to conduct illegal gambling; Section 371 is a Conspiracy; Section 2 is Aiding and Abetting.

Penalties range from five years in jail or \$20,000 fine or both.

The overall 7-state operation was reported to involve over \$60,000,000 annually, although no amount was listed for the alleged regional betting operations.

Local police officers said they took no part in the arrests, but had been informed of the pending raids.

battery charge filed by George Swan of RD Dallas.

According to the charge, Wilson, his brother Alex, and one Carl Weaver assaulted Swan and Francis Cummings, RD Shavertown, in Mason's Villa, a bar located along Route 309 in Dallas Township. The alleged assault took place on the night of Dec. 29, 1969.

On Jan. 7, 1970, Justice of the Peace Harry Thompson found a prima facie case against them and a Luzerne County grand jury indicted all three. John Wilson and Carl Weaver were charged with assaulting Swan; Alex Wilson allegedly assaulted Cummings. On Oct. 16, Alex Wilson was convicted in a trial without jury by Judge Olszewski. He was ordered to pay a \$25 fine plus court costs and was placed on probation for two years. Weaver was found not guilty by Judge Olszewski, but John Wilson never appeared for his trial. Judge Olszewski then issued a bench warrant for his arrest and ordered that his bail be forfeited.

As is customary in such cases, the bench warrant or capias was forwarded to the Luzerne County Sheriff's office. Chester Krushefski, chief deputy sheriff, told *The Dallas Post* that his men went out to Noxen "three or four times" to arrest Wilson but they were not permitted in the Wilson home.

On one occasion, Sheriff Krushefski reported, his men were told by Wilson's family that he had a "temperature of 103 degrees and a notice from his doctor not to move him." The sheriff conceded that the excuses were "just a lot of applesauce."

When informed of the doctor's excuse, Mr. Krushefski said, Judge Olszewski urged the sheriff's deputies to ignore it and arrest Wilson anyway.

Shortly after that, however, Mr. Krushefski discovered that he had no jurisdiction in Noxen, which lies within Wyoming County. "We hurried up

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tractor-trailer skids on ice

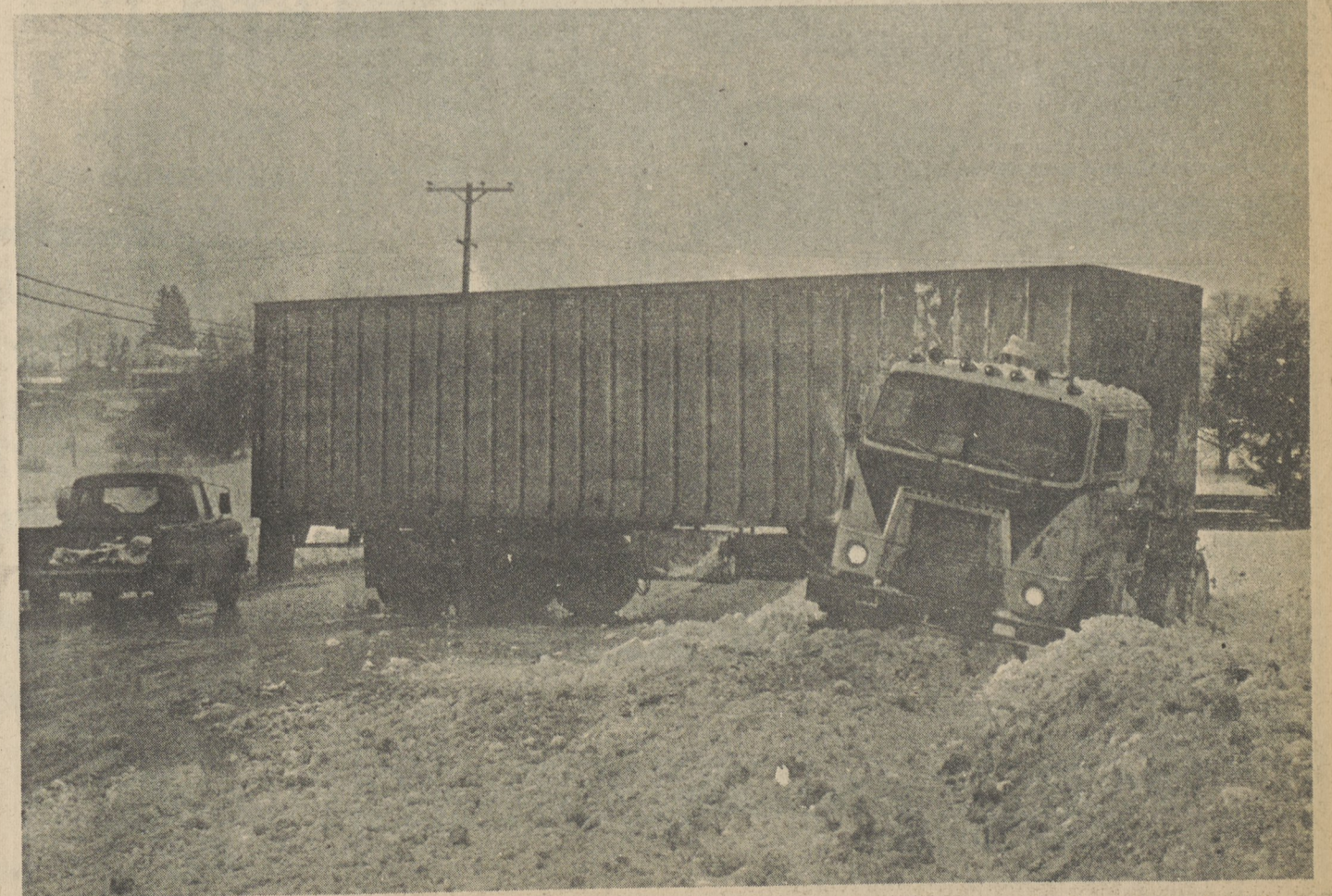
A tractor-trailer rig jack-knifed Monday afternoon at 4:30 on the ice-covered roadway of Rt. 118, Lehman Township, about one mile east of Lehman Center.

According to Police Chief Lionel Bulford, the 1966 International truck trailer belonged to Johnson Brothers Freight Company, Hickory, N.C., listed as common carriers. Ray Billings, RD 1, Newton, N.C., was the driver.

Billings from Elkin, N.Y., told Chief Bulford he was on his way with a load of freight to his home terminal in Hickory. His rig went out of control when it started sliding on the icy pavement.

After the accident, Billings climbed down from the cab, and was heard to express great relief that he had escaped injury and that no one else was hurt.

By their quick actions, drivers of two smaller trucks were able to avoid being struck by the out-of-control truck.



Icy roads were blamed for many vehicular accidents throughout the Back Mountain community during the past week, not the least of which was this tractor-trailer which jack-knifed on Route 118 in Lehman Township Monday afternoon.