

Dangerous Drugs, Narcotics Displayed in Back Mountain

Dangerous drugs and narcotics were displayed Friday at Wyoming National Bank, Shavertown. The two extensive collections of drugs were shown through the cooperation of State Police of Wyoming Barracks and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Narcotics Squad.

The display was sponsored by Kingston Township police through the efforts of Police Chief Herbert Updyke and Patrolman William Pugh. Officer Pugh is also a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Narcotics Squad, and was in attendance at the display throughout the day to answer questions and explain items in the collections.

Patrolman Pugh said the display has been shown to the public twice only, and both

times were in the Back Mountain area.

All displayed drugs and their related paraphernalia had previously been confiscated by either the State Police or the Narcotics Squad.

Hard drugs, such as opium, hashish, heroin and cocaine, were included, as well as hallucinogens such as LSD and mescaline. There was a quantity of loose marijuana or "grass", shown in a large plastic bag, as well as "joints" of marijuana ready for smoking. For those who did not know what marijuana looks like in its growing stage, there was a large artificial plant, which was an exact duplicate of a real plant.

Perhaps to the surprise of some, prominently displayed in

the "dangerous drugs" section were diet pills, amphetamine or pep pills, and barbituates.

"Too many people have these three types in their medicine cabinets and don't realize they are truly 'dangerous drugs,'" Officer Pugh pointed out.

Among the confiscated paraphernalia used for "mainlining" heroin were a bent spoon and soda bottle cap, used to heat and liquefy the drug, several types of syringes, and various kinds of materials used as tourniquets. "Mainlining", Mr. Pugh explained, "is the procedure by which a heroin addict injects the drug directly into his body."

There are a number of signs by which parents can possibly detect if their children are experimenting with drugs,

according to Narcotics Officer Pugh. Common symptoms of drug abuse are: changes in school attendance, discipline and grades, change in the character of homework turned in, unusual flare-ups or outbursts of temper, poor physical appearance, furtive behavior regarding drugs and possessions, wearing of sunglasses at inappropriate times to hide dilated or constricted pupils, long-sleeved shirts worn constantly to hide needle marks, association with known drug abusers, borrowing of money from students to purchase drugs, stealing small items from schools, finding the student in odd places during the day such as closets, storage rooms, etc., to take drugs.

"If parents find an unfamiliar drug in their home, they may call me for help in identification. I know most of the usual forms, but if I need help in identifying, I can call on the State Police laboratory," explained the Back Mountain officer. He continued by saying that parents need not identify themselves to him—they may remain completely anonymous.

"We want to get the pusher, the real culprit, in drug cases. We're interested in getting the suppliers rather than arresting the occasional users."

Trooper Carl Allen of Wyoming Barracks was on hand also at the bank.



Photo by J. Kozemchak Sr.

William Pugh, narcotics officer for Kingston Township, and Trooper Carl Allen of the State Police examine a syringe used by heroin addicts. The syringe is part of a narcotics and drugs display shown at Wyoming National Bank, Shavertown.

Alderson UMYF To Meet Saturday

Calling all teenagers! A new United Methodist Youth Fellowship is being formed at the Alderson United Methodist Church, Harveys Lake.

The first meeting, an organizational affair, will be held Oct. 2 in the Alderson

church. The meeting will get underway at 3 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

A get acquainted period will precede the election of officers. Pastor Westfield will serve as advisor.

Dallas Boro. Votes To Keep 24-Hr. Answering Service

Dallas Borough residents will continue to enjoy the 24-hour police answering service provided by Dallas Township, thanks to action Sept. 21 by Dallas Borough Council.

Council, acting on a motion by Police Committee Chairman William Berti, agreed to accept the answering service and police assistance contract offered by the township for \$2,000 annually.

In making the motion, Berti alluded to a "long range plan" currently under study by the township which will apparently provide more police protection for borough residents.

A report that the police cruiser traveled over 3,000 miles in August elicited a request from Councilman Jerry Machell to "see about cutting down on this mileage." Berti pointed out that the mileage had been reduced already, but that he would discuss this and other matters with borough police officers at a meeting Monday night.

The proper ownership of Wellington Avenue, an issue about which considerable confusion has existed for several months, was again discussed by council. Solicitor Charles D. Lemmond Jr. advised council to ascertain what property is included in a deed tendered the borough by Weis Market so that acceptance of the street can be completed and the deed properly recorded. Leo Corbett, borough engineer, will be asked to study the road in question.

Council approved a request from Dr. Anthony P. Sindoni, podiatrist, to establish professional offices at his newly purchased home located at the corner of Spring Street and Norton Avenue. Dr. and Mrs.

Sindoni were represented by Atty. Ben Jones III.

John D. Brewster appeared before council to complain of the recently installed street light on Terrace Street. According to Mr. Brewster, the 7,000 watt vapor light casts a disturbingly bright light into several rooms of his home. Machell, observing that the street light had been requested by other local residents, agreed to investigate the possibility of obtaining a shield for the light.

The maintenance of a highway "island" at the intersection of Routes 309 and 415 was discussed by council. The island—formerly an unkempt, raggle-taggle portion of land—was trimmed and planted by Boy Scout Brett Sloum.

Council suggested that members of Brett's Boy Scout troop might also assume maintenance of the property.

Councilmen planned to meet Monday night to review borough laws which will be included in a new borough code. Solicitor Lemmond promised that the review would be "time well spent"; the codification project—undertaken several months ago by General Code Publishers Inc.—has been at a standstill for some time.

The need for a water supply at the borough's recreation site at Burndale Road and Luzerne Avenue was raised by Machell. He agreed to check with the water company to determine costs for the installation of water lines and a hydrant there.

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Scouts Plan School Night

Oct. 5 has been designated School Night for Scouting throughout the Penn Mountains Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Nearly a dozen elementary and high schools in the Tunkhannock-Dallas area will participate in the program, according to Council President Harry R. Hershey.

Hershey says the aim of the program is to recruit the potential 1200 new Cub Scouts within the jurisdictional area of the council. He urges parents with boys eight years old or in the third grade to accompany their youngsters to the participating school nearest them Oct. 5.

Schools in the Tunkhannock-Dallas area which will participate include: Ross, Lehman, Lake Elementary, Noxen, Mill City, Mehoopany, Beaumont, Tunkhannock, Westmoreland, Dallas, Little Exeter Township.

October Listed for Membership Rally

Tunkhannock-Dallas area comprises District 5 of the local council.

School Night for Scouting program will begin at 7 p.m. at all schools.

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Angelo M. Russo, chairman of district 14-H membership committee of Lions International, announced that October will be observed as Membership Month.

Robert J. Uplinger, president of Lions International, has called upon Lions members everywhere to "not only think about past accomplishments but also about the uncompleted tasks or the growing needs of a vast population."

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