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Kingston Supervisors Take Aim Truck Owned By Board Member

Kingston Township Board of Supervisors decided to bring legal action against one of its own members at a regular meeting Jan. 12. Supervisor W.R. Mathers will be cited for failure to remove a junked truck from his property. Complaint was filed several months ago by a neighbor of Mr. Mathers'.

It was attested by board chairman Ed Richards that a registered letter was sent to Mr. Mathers advising him of what action would be taken if he did not comply by removing said truck. Truck was not moved; therefore, Mr. Richards instructed John Dana, planning and zoning officer, to take legal action. Mr. Mathers will be summoned to appear before District Magistrate Fred Anderson.

After the board meeting, Supervisor Mathers told the Post he planned to move the truck from his property, but not until spring. "I am going to build a garage on

that site and I will have to remove the truck then," he added. "But not until the weather gets better. I have a number of tools and equipment stored in the truck and I have no place to put them until I can build a garage."

In making recent appointments to the planning and zoning commission, the board did not reappoint George Jacobs and Fred Dingle, after both had served a number of years. Letters were received from Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Dingle objecting to the manner by which their commissions were terminated. There were no comments from the three supervisors on the matter.

Secretary Michael Stanley was instructed to notify all utility companies that a township permit must be obtained for future pavement cuts.

Beverly Drive, Brown Manor, Cedar, Hillcrest, Youngblood, Williams, Mathers Drive, Hilltop Circle and Lawn have been accepted as township roads.

Supervisors agreed to extend snow removal service into Carverton Heights' three roads.

Jean Updyke, widow of the late township police chief Herbert Updyke, submitted a letter of resignation as police-woman. resignation was accepted with regrets. Police Commissioner Mathers thanked Mrs. Updyke for her years of service.

Roadmaster Robert Chamberlain was asked to submit a written recommendation for 1972 equipment needs.

Supervisor Mathers reported police cruiser traveled 4,453 miles during December; four arrests were made and 227 miscellaneous calls received.

Mr. Stanley, who will assume duties as full-time secretary-treasurer in February, was asked to make a study of police hours and to also draw up a written personnel policy for all township employees. Mr. Stanley will investigate the possibility of getting a new police cruiser from a state car pool.

A public hearing concerning a request by Cliff Parker to construct an apartment building on Main Street, Shavertown, will be held following the regular board meeting in February.

Snake Run Creek May Be Relocated

Snake Run Creek in Trucksville may soon be relocated if the plan, which has already been endorsed by Kingston Township supervisors, is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Kingston Township officials believe that changing the present winding course of the creek would leave open a considerable section of land that could be utilized for a neighborhood shopping center, which would contribute to the area's economy, and a large parking area. It would also eliminate the necessity of building three new bridges across Carverton Road.

The plan, which was developed by John Dana, Kingston Township zoning officer, was approved recently by the township planning and zoning commission.

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"Educating the Public"

Narcotics Seminar Draws Crowd; Drug Use Increases

"This is our way of educating the public—not only the young age group, but also their parents" was the way Kingston Township Policeman William Pugh explained why he and fellow officer Clifford Culver present drug and narcotics seminars in the Back Mountain area.

The latest public information session was given Jan. 11 by the two police officers at Kingston Township municipal

building. Some 150 girls (most of them Girl Scouts) and boys, plus parents, were present for the seminar.

Patrolman Pugh serves as narcotics officer for his township police department and Patrolman Culver is juvenile officer.

Officer Pugh told the attentive group, "We welcome telephone calls—flood our office with calls. You may remain any-

mous. Why should parents have to worry over a drug problem with their children when we could help them straighten it out?"

Both Officers Pugh and Culver believe apathy on the part of parents, police departments and school officials is hindering the solving of drug problems in the local area.

"We have a problem here in the Back Mountain and you may quote me," declared Mr. Pugh. He continued by saying he was afraid "we will progress to related crimes." Already there has been an increase in youthful drug users during the past year.

The veteran narcotics officer said he was satisfied with the cooperation received from school authorities and there is a "good working relationship." But, he would like to see a coordinated effort by all four municipalities comprising the school district and the district administration. One step in this direction, he believes, is for one policeman from each municipality to be designated as narcotics officer for each police department.

The audience was shown a complete sampling of drugs and narcotics and related paraphernalia, including locally grown marijuana. Most of the items shown, such as hashish pipes, pills, etc., were confiscated from persons living in the Back Mountain, according to Officer Pugh.

He is afraid that more pushers from the Wilkes-Barre area will be selling their wares locally, as Wilkes-Barre has 16 men trained in narcotics on their police force. "They are applying pressure on Wilkes-Barre pushers and the pushers are going to pull out and look for greener pastures. It could be here."

At the present time, Officer Pugh is making up sample identification kits to distribute to all department members of Back Mountain Police Association. This will help local officers to recognize various drugs and narcotics. Expenditures for this project have been authorized by Back Mountain Police Association.

UGI Fights Opposition With Public Presentations

Several months ago, UGI Corporation's announcement that it intended to increase its rates by a whopping 20 percent precipitated a hornets' nest of protest from area taxpayers' groups and municipal bodies.

Most of the objections were based on the belief that while a small increase might be permissible and necessary, a 20 percent increase would be both inflationary and unjustifiable. Several organizations filed official complaints with the Public Utilities Commission, and when the commission promptly okayed a 17 percent increase—having approved a 15 percent increase last year—and did so without holding public hearing, the complaints redoubled their objections.

The PUC finally set Jan. 24 as the date to consider these objections. Representatives of UGI, meanwhile, have been conducting public information lectures about the rate increase at a prodigious pace. Monday night, Fred and Peter Austing, two UGI officials, attended the monthly meeting of Oak Hill's Civic Association to explain the company's need for the 17 percent rate hike.

Their presentation included a movie slide demonstration on UGI's growth potential, facilities improvement programs and the necessity for increasing its ability to meet rising demands for electricity.

The men suggested that factors contributing to the need for electricity rate increases include power demands which have far exceeded the original projection made early in the last decade. This unanticipated demand for power has necessitated that UGI purchase energy from other companies—and at a substantially higher cost than UGI's own generating cost, they said.

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Wilson Protests Lawyer's Request For Withdrawal

A petition filed by Atty. Theodore L. Krohn seeking permission to withdraw as John T. Wilson's legal counsel was reviewed Friday afternoon by Judge Bernard J. Podcasy.

Present to protest the petition was Wilson, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting death of George Wesley Jan. 10, 1971, in the parking lot of Sorber's Tavern, Lake Silkworth. Following a three-week trial in October, Wilson was sentenced by former Judge Albert H. Aston to a term of four to eight years on the manslaughter charge.

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To Animal Lover Lauren Kintzer a Menagerie Is a Way of Life

Lauren Kintzer leaned against the pasture fence and called out five names. Immediately upon hearing their five names five horses trotted down from an upper pasture to where their young owner stood.

One well-fed horse was singled out by Lauren, who said, "That's Comanche. When he was picked up at his former owner's home in Sweet Valley by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, he was just skin and bones. He didn't even know how to drink water—he tried to chew it. Mom and I had to show him how to drink."

The horses are a small part of the menagerie that 18-year old Lauren has. Most of the animals are brought home from the SPCA, where she works full-time. From the humane society she presently has six gerbils, one guinea pig, four doves, three ducks, a goat, pigeons, two dogs, a skunk, a squirrel, two cats, two parrots, and Comanche, the horse.

As if that were not enough, the young animal-lover acquired from other sources a squirrel monkey, two cows, chickens, four more dogs and the remaining four horses.

What do her parents think about all these animals?

With a jolly laugh, Mrs. Kintzer said, "We've always had animals, but not like now. It's one reason we moved to a farm."

The family formerly lived in Shavertown, but now are residing on Demunds Road, Dallas Township.

Mrs. Kintzer recalled that they bought Lauren's first horse when she was two years old. "She was never afraid and could ride almost from the time she first got on a horse."

As Lauren called quietly to several of her dogs, she told of some of her experiences during the year and a half she has worked at the SPCA.

"I guess my worst experience was back in early December," she remembered. "We got a call at the office from a resident of West Nanticoke that a dog had fallen down a mine shaft. When I went out I found a six-foot opening at ground level. After putting a ladder down the shaft, I started down but found the shaft getting more narrow as I neared the bottom. It was only about two feet wide where a miniature collie was lying. As I grabbed the dog up, the ground started sliding under the ladder and caving in. I got up the ladder as fast as I could with the dog in my arms, and by the time I got to the top the earth was really falling in."

The Dallas Senior High School graduate not only saved the dog, but had the presence of mind to get the ladder too. "It's the only ladder we have," she explained and added, "I was never so scared in my life."

The story of the miniature collie has a happy ending as a good home was found for the dog.

During the rescue of a badly injured cat which had sought refuge in a conduit



Among the many pets owned by Lauren Kintzer of Demunds Road Dallas Township, are a squirrel monkey and a skunk. These animals and numerous others live harmoniously together at the Kintzer residence, but they all respect the little skunk.

in Pittston, Lauren dropped a manhole cover on her foot and fractured it.

She admitted that she has had innumerable dog and cat bites, plus scratches, but she keeps her tetanus shots up-to-date and doesn't worry about them.

Her understanding mother said she and Mr. Kintzer try not to worry about Lauren—"She loves her work with animals so much."

At one time Lauren planned to work for a year after graduation from high school and then go on to college, but doesn't think she will now as "I could not leave the animals."

The oldest daughter, who is married and lives in New York, "tolerated" animals, according to Mrs. Kintzer, but a younger daughter Dorothy, a fifth grader, is "just like" Lauren when it comes to loving animals.

"We expect to have a house full of pets always," said Mrs. Kintzer, with a philosophical shake of her head.

Lauren wishes that more people would bring their animals to SPCA for care and shelter.

"Our major complaint is that people who are moving and don't want animals will just leave them at their old residence. Most of the time they can't fend for themselves. The owners should bring them to us if they don't want them. We can usually find good homes for them."