

## Valley Automobile Club Calls for Alert Drivers

The Valley Automobile Club calls upon the nation's motorists to be extra alert now that clocks are moved forward one hour.

The AAA said that the time change, established by the Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act, will require even more caution than the traditional spring and fall clock adjustment, since it comes during the winter season when snow and ice already create hazardous driving conditions.

During the first few weeks of the transition period AAA urges motorists driving in the morning to reduce speed and increase following distances.

In the early hours, AAA reminded, millions of pedestrians will be on the streets in total or partial darkness, including children on their way to school, and cautioned drivers to be on the lookout for them.

The ranks of pedestrians will be further increased, AAA said, by drivers under the age of 18

who have been asked to leave their cars at home and who will be walking or bicycling to early classes or jobs.

During the evening rush hours, AAA advises, it is also important that homeward bound motorists be alert for children at roadsides and intersections who may be taking advantage of the extra hour of daylight to play out-of-doors.

The motoring organization said that pedestrians, too, can take safety measures during the changeover, by exercising caution when crossing streets and by wearing light-colored clothing. Parents are advised to dress their children similarly and to make certain youngsters know and obey traffic regulations.

Meanwhile, the AAA suggested that car owners take time out this Saturday to assure maximum driving visibility by cleaning headlights and windshields, and to inspect tail lights, turn signals, backup lights and high and low beams for operating efficiency.



Photo by Ace Hoffman

The Rev. Clement Podskoch, chaplain, State Correctional Institution at Chase, and Robert W. Laux, Dallas, both standing in rear, are among members of the advisory committee of the Luzerne County Child Welfare Services, which assists in the operation of the agency. Others, left to right, are John Salazer, acting director, Luzerne County Child Welfare; Mrs. Nathan H. Meyer, Plymouth, advisory

committee; Elizabeth A. Horan, director, Human Services operations, United Services Agency; Bertha Ley, Oakwood Park, advisory committee; Mrs. John G. Connell, West Pittston, advisory committee; and Mrs. Roy Morgan, Forty Fort, chairman, advisory committee. Seated at extreme left is Mrs. Sally Thomas, Kingston, also advisory committee.

## Welfare Board Emphasizes Importance of Foster Home

The Luzerne County Child Welfare Advisory Board, in an attempt to re-emphasize the acute and growing need for foster homes, will host news media representatives at a conference to be held at the Master Hosts Inn, 500 Kidder St., Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Roy Morgan, Forty Fort, chairman of the advisory committee, a volunteer group which aids in the operation of the agency, and several members from her committee, will welcome news media personnel.

They will then join with Elizabeth Horan, director of human service operations of the United Services Agency; John Salazer, acting director of Luzerne County Child Welfare; Ellis Carle, foster home program worker; and the Luzerne County Commissioners: Francis Crossin, chairman of the institution district; Edmund Wideman, chairman of the commissioners; and Ethel Price, in making the foster home needs of the agency known. These persons will answer questions in regard to their program.

There will also be a number of foster parents participating in the session, who will relate their experiences with fostering and the rewards of having foster children in their homes.

The overall role of the Child Welfare Program in the community is to help children and

their families overcome problems and stresses in life which hamper the normal development of children. Although it is preferable to do this while a child remains with his own family, situations do arise which require placement of the children out of their own homes. Factors ranging from chronic mental illness of either or both parents to inadequate housing are examples of these problems.

During these periods of time, foster homes are urgently needed to aid these children for temporary periods of time. Since Child Welfare is interested in keeping these children in or near their communities, it is asking the assistance of residents to help meet the growing need for additional foster homes.

At this time a most difficult challenge is facing the agency in obtaining foster homes for children with special needs. These children include the mentally and physically handicapped and older children.

"Considerable credit must be given to the foster parents presently active in the program who are doing a monumental

job," according to a child welfare spokesman. "However, with the new year and the increasing demand being placed on the agency and the present foster parents, it is felt that this is an opportunity for more families to take part in the foster home program and to help a child."

## Back Mt. Firemen Urge Home Caution

The Back Mountain Firemen's Association passed a resolution at their January meeting, urging all citizens to conserve energy. They also agreed unanimously that a serious threat exists because of the increased use of heaters in homes. The fire chiefs urge utmost caution be employed in the use of wood burners and electric space heaters.

Citizens are also advised to refrain from hoarding gasoline and storing it in their homes, garages or cars. This is not only extremely dangerous, but if a fire should occur, the chances are that fire insurance would be voided, due to restrictive clauses in most policies.

## Urbanized Wilkes-Barre Makes Substantial Gains

Wilkes-Barre urbanized area shows substantial gains in the last decade.

The Wilkes-Barre urbanized area includes most of the Wyoming Valley area, from Glen Lyon to Lackawanna County, and includes Dallas Borough and the developed part of Kingston Township.

## Dallas Twp. Police Report Truck Theft

Chief of Police Carl Miers, Dallas Township, reported that at approximately 2:20 a.m., January 13, Robert Carulis, 110 Lehigh St., Exeter, left the Stoneridge Bar, Fernbrook, and turned on the motor of his 1966 1/2-ton pickup truck. He then returned to the bar, leaving the motor running and when he went out to get into his truck, it was gone.

The truck was found in Plymouth Borough at 11 a.m. on the same day. Patrolman Elliot Ide is conducting the investigation.

Roy Smith, Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, also reported that someone had smashed the windshield of his 1969 model car while it was parked outside of his home. Patrolman James Kelly is conducting that investigation. There was no evidence as to who did the damage.

A recently released publication from the Bureau of the Census contains the following statistics on the Wilkes-Barre urbanized area for the last decade, 1960-1970: although the population decreased 9,537, occupied housing units increased 2,257, and total housing units, 1,291; workers, as a percent of total population, increased 6.9 percent; the percent of households with no auto decreased 2.3 percent and with one auto, 9.2 percent, whereas there was an increase of those with two autos, 9.5 percent, and with 3 or more autos, 1.3 percent.

The median income per household rose from \$4,741 to \$8,149, an increase of \$3,408, part of which was due to inflation. Low income families, under \$5,000, decreased by 31.8 percent; medium-low income families, \$5,000-\$8,000, decreased by 4.5 percent; medium-high income families, \$8,000-\$15,000, increased 27.8 percent, and high income families, over \$15,000, increased 8.4 percent.

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## Trucksville Cub Scouts Report on Holiday Party

Cub Pack 155, Trucksville, recently held a Christmas party and meeting at the Trucksville Methodist Church educational building. Den 1 opened with the singing of "A Cub Scout, We Will Go" and "I'm Gettin' Nothin' for Christmas."

The following boys received awards: Glen Eckhart, wolf badge; John Ash, silver arrow; Brian Goode, silver arrow; Tommy English, Weblo colors; Marty Moore, Weblo colors; and Ben Jones, wolf badge.

The following Webelos received awards: Brian Zimmerman, citizenship badge; Frank Ondish, citizenship; Fred Mooney, citizenship and showmanship; David Ostrofski, citizenship; and Jeff Eckhart, citizenship.

Each boy made a Christmas tree ornament and hung it on the tree. Each boy then received a gift from the pack and had refreshments.

The next pack meeting will be held Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m., at which time the boys will hold a Pinewood Derby.

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ASSETS	DECEMBER 31 1973	DECEMBER 31 1972
Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 32,400,094	\$ 42,158,978
U.S. Treasury Securities	40,043,663	48,241,935
Securities of Other U.S. Government Agencies & Corporations	2,002,408	2,005,128
Obligations of States & Political Subdivisions	63,319,208	65,648,254
Other Securities	1,367,229	1,319,851
Loans & Discounts	316,413,126	251,895,530
Federal Funds Sold	6,200,000	21,000,000
Bank Premises, Furniture & Fixtures	8,187,581	5,303,896
Other Assets	5,783,913	2,596,331
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$475,717,222</b>	<b>\$440,169,903</b>

LIABILITIES	DECEMBER 31 1973	DECEMBER 31 1972
Deposits	\$421,704,824	\$382,810,313
Unearned Discount	6,925,057	4,777,938
Federal Funds Purchased	7,300,000	18,825,000
Other Liabilities	1,788,303	1,434,006
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>437,718,184</b>	<b>407,847,257</b>

Capital Accounts:	DECEMBER 31 1973	DECEMBER 31 1972
Capital Debentures — 6½% Due March 1, 1975-1984	650,000	650,000
Equity Capital:		
Capital Stock	9,953,750	9,164,000
Surplus	11,860,585	9,164,000
Undivided Profits	10,530,507	9,343,718
Total Equity Capital	32,344,842	27,671,718
Total Capital Accounts	32,994,842	28,321,718
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$475,717,222</b>	<b>\$440,169,903</b>

TRUST ASSETS	DECEMBER 31 1973	DECEMBER 31 1972
Personal Trust Accounts	\$243,322,283	\$220,544,629
Corporate Trust Accounts	158,530,605	141,327,180
<b>TOTAL TRUST ASSETS</b>	<b>\$401,852,888</b>	<b>\$361,871,809</b>

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