

# Cook's Hardware Robbed 2 Suspects Apprehended

Cook's Hardware and Supply Store, Lehman, was robbed Monday morning, by a man wearing a white ski mask pointing a hand gun. Less than 45 minutes later state police arrested two suspects, one a juvenile, both from the Hunlock Creek area.

At approximately 10 a.m. Charlene Cook was standing behind the counter at the store talking on the telephone.

A man ran in the door, pointed a gun at her, and told her to lay down in the back of the meat case.

An accomplice was waiting on the porch outside the store.

The robber then tried to open the cash register but it was locked. He ordered Mrs. Cook to get up and open it.

Mrs. Cook opened the register and went back down on the floor.

The thief grabbed the drawer which

contained \$100 out of the cash register, ran out the door, and made his escape in a blue Volkswagen.

Mrs. Cook telephoned the description of the pair, the gun, and the car to police.

Two passersby saw two men run out of the store, one wearing a white ski mask.

The escape car headed south on Mountain View Avenue.

About 45 minutes later Trooper Elias Grevera of the Shickshinny Barracks stopped a blue Volkswagon on Route 11 near West Nanticoke which fit the description of the get-away car.

On the back seat of the car Grevera noticed a Remington model XP-100 .221 cal. "Fire Ball" hand gun. Driving the car was 35-year old Oscar Richard Evert, RD 1, Sweet Valley. Also in the car was a juvenile who has been turned to juvenile authorities.

State police said the gun, an odd single

shot weapon with a bolt action, had a live round in the chamber when discovered. Described as a "long range pistol", it has a 10½ inch barrel and fires a 50 grain bullet at 2,650 feet per second muzzle velocity.

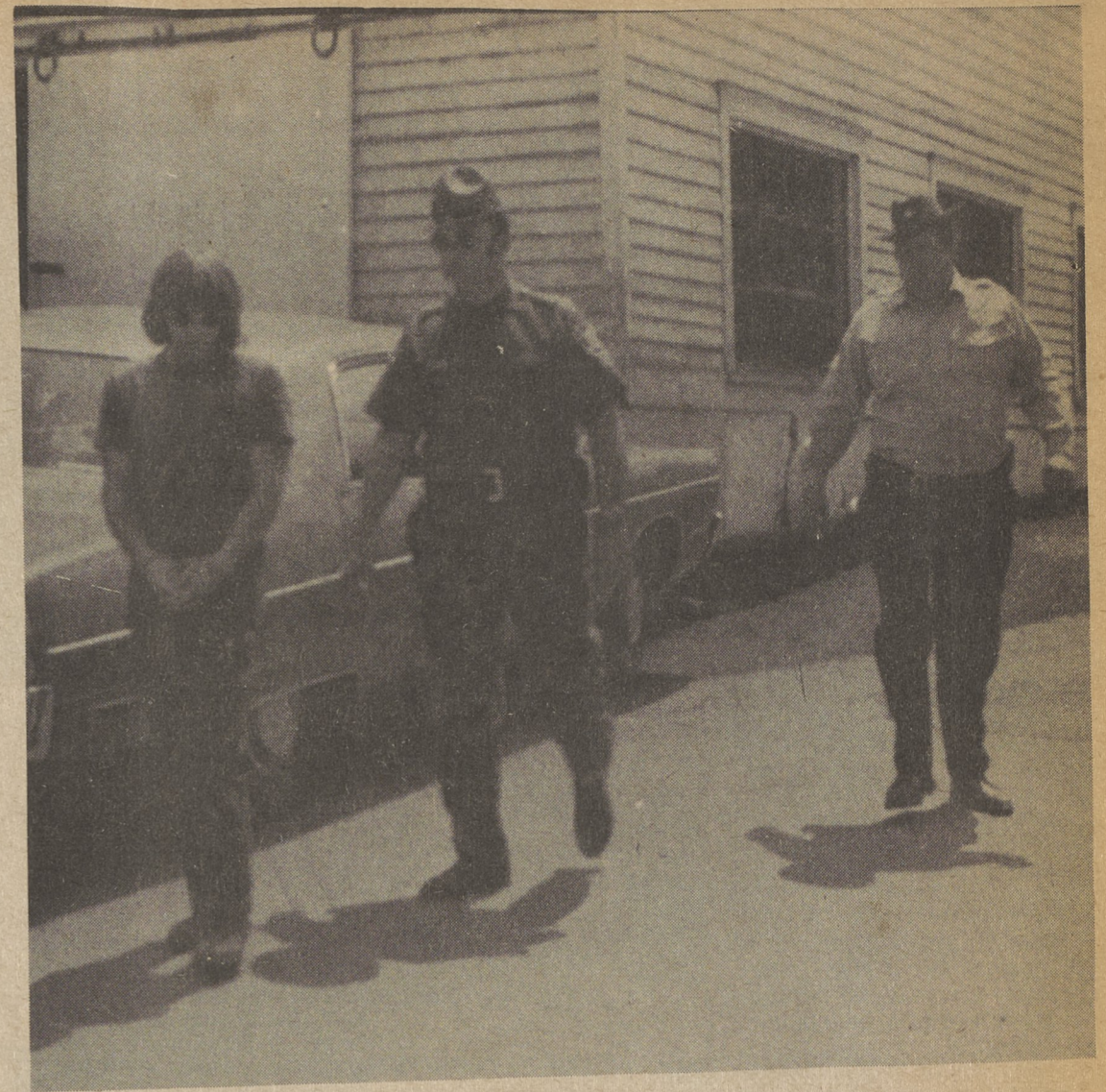
The state police applied for a warrant to search the car at 11:30 a.m., barely an hour and a half after the robbery took place. District Magistrate Leonard Harvey, Dallas, issued the warrant.

At 2:30 p.m. Donald Taylor, Wyoming Barracks of the state police, brought Mr. Evert before Magistrate Harvey where he was charged with robbery.

Bail was set at \$25,000 and a hearing set for 8 p.m. June 14 in Magistrate Harvey's court.

Mr. Evert was taken to Luzerne County Prison in lieu of bail.

Lehman Township Police Chief Lionel Bulford investigated the robbery.



Oscar Richard Evert, RD 1, Sweet Valley, before being charged with robbery before District Magistrate Leonard Harvey Monday. Mr. Evert is accused of the daylight robbery of Cook's Hardware Store, Lehman. Also shown are trooper Charles Casey, Wyoming Barracks, and Lehman Township Police Chief Lionel Bulford. Mr. Evert was apprehended less than 45 minutes after the robbery along with a juvenile accomplice on Route 11 near West Nanticoke.

## Back Mountain Schools To Graduate 370 Students

A total of 370 seniors will graduate at Back Mountain high school commencement ceremonies this week. Dallas Senior High School will award diplomas to 237 students at its 13th commencement activities June 7 at 6 p.m. at the senior high school athletic field. Lake-Lehman will graduate 133 students Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Irem Temple Country Club.

Dallas High School ceremonies will start with an organ prelude followed by the processional to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance."

A mixed chorus will sing directed by Florence Hughes Sherwood.

Dr. Wesley N. Haines will give the address entitled "For the Rest of Your Life."

Dr. Haines, president of Franklin College, Franklin, Ind., is a former

pastor and educator. An award-winning orator and popular speaker throughout Indiana and the Midwest, he is now in his eighth year as president of Franklin, a 138 year old, Baptist-founded liberal arts college.

Dr. Haines served as vice-president for development at Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

A native of Worcester, Mass., the 57 year old president holds his A. B. degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from Brown University. He earned his B.D. degree at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and his Ph.D. Degree in history and philosophy of religion at Harvard.

In addition to his duties at Franklin, he is presently serving the state of Indiana as a member of the State Police Academy Law Enforcement Training Board.

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## Zoning Ordinances Coming To Swoyersville Borough

"Why should the people of Swoyersville Borough pay taxes to put curbs and sidewalks in a housing development when a big time developer makes a half million dollars on it and refuses to put them in?" Council President Joseph Piazza asked this at Monday night's council meeting.

The Swoyersville planning commission has been working on a set of zoning ordinances for the borough and will make their work public at meetings during the next few months.

To date Swoyersville has been operating without any control whatever over housing developments. A developer can come into the borough, put up his houses, and leave the streets in mud. As it stands now he is not responsible for streets, curbing, or sidewalks.

Just about every borough in the area, and certainly those the size of Swoyersville, had long ago adopted some sort of zoning ordinances. Swoyersville has not—until now.

"This borough is moving ahead," Mr. Piazza said. "Swoyersville will no longer operate in the past. Some of the new things we have started are just beginning to become reality and we beg the citizens of the borough to bear with us until these projects are completed."

There was much discussion at the meeting about the condition of the roads in the borough. Sewer lines are presently being installed.

Mr. Piazza said the streets that are being torn up are being replaced better than they were before. A new solid sub base is being laid in all the streets that have been torn up.

"After the sewers are in, the streets will have to be torn up again for storm drains," Mr. Piazza said. "Then we will put a good surface on all the roads and the problems will be over. The only thing we can ask is that people bear with the rough roads and dust until the project is completed."

Five people were appointed to the planning commission by vote of council Monday night. The four year terms start April 22 but on varying years. Michael Mesaros' term started as of 1973; Martin Podskoch—1974; Robert Janov—1973; John Lagoski—1974; William Lehman—1974.

There was some discussion at the meeting concerning mosquitos. Mr. Piazza said he had been after the state to come in with their mosquito control

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## Library Auction Plans Finalized

Solicitation dates have been set for the 28th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, according to logistics coordinator Ken Rogers, for the pick-up of donated items.

Pick-up trucks and volunteers will be available at the auction barn June 10, 18, 26, 29 and July 6, Mr. Rogers said, and will respond to calls throughout the Back Mountain and surrounding areas. Interested persons may arrange for pick-up of donations by calling either the library at 675-1182 or the auction barn at 675-3774.

Donors are encouraged to deliver auctionable items to the barn behind the library if at all possible, Mr. Rogers indicated, to keep the trucks free to pick up larger items.

Nearly anything saleable will be accepted, with the exception of pillows and mattresses which cannot be resold once used.

In regard to solicitations to date, auction leaders report some goods in, with additional new goods and celebrity items expected. There will be an especially good selection of antiques available, according to auction chairman James Anzalone, for sale both over the block and through the auspices of a sale table.

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## Daniel J. Flood Addresses PSU Wilkes-Barre Campus

The Hon. Daniel J. Flood, 11th Congressional District, delivered the commencement address to 101 graduates of the Pennsylvania State University's Wilkes-Barre Campus in ceremonies held at the Lehman site June 1.

George W. Bierly, campus director, presided over the program which opened with the traditional academic procession accompanied by organist Jack Mainwaring. Invocation was offered by the Rev. Paul C. Duncan, Huntsville Christian Church, followed by a welcome from Joseph Purcell, vice president of the advisory board.

Other participants in the program included Edward A. Driesbach, acting assistant director for resident instruction, who presented the academic awards; H. C. Neuhaus, chairman of the committee on student affairs, who presented the Walker Award to Mary Frances Buczynski; Prof. John Kolesar, Prof. Leroy A. Sweinberg, and the Rev. Stephen D. McGough, assistant pastor of

Gate of Heaven Church, who delivered the benediction.

Prof. Leroy Sweinberg presented the Tau Alpha Pi Honor Society awards to Scott Dieffenbacher, Michael D. Kuhar, Thomas A. Little, Todd W. Malpass, and Charles J. Raabe.

Scott J. Dieffenbacher, Michael D. Kuhar, Thomas A. Little, Todd W. Malpass, Charles J. Raabe, John F. Seasock, and Dale F. Whitner were graduated with highest distinction.

Prof. John Purcell presented the annual Pennsylvania Land Surveyors Society Award to Dale F. Whitner.

Vice president Purcell presented the 1974 Annual Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award to Myles E. Paisley, who received his associate degree in surveying from the local campus in 1960. Mr. Paisley, former Newport Township resident, is engineer of track maintenance with Penn Central Transportation Co., New York. Following graduation from the local campus, he assumed his position with the Penn Central Company, first

locating in Washington, D.C., and later moving to New York.

He attended the University of Buffalo College of Engineering and holds a B.A. degree as well as a master's degree in management from Goddard College. He sides with his wife and children at 9 O'Connor Court, Montrose, N.Y.

Local students graduating from the Wilkes-Barre Campus include:

College of Business Administration—Jeffery Allen, 212 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown; Larry Denmon, Maple St., Noxen; James Gordon, Benton; Marvin Parkinson, RD 1, Sweet Valley;

College of Engineering—Alan Beard, 117 Church St., Dallas, Richard Billings, 70 Harris Hill Rd., Trucksville; Scott Dieffenbacher, RD 5, Shavertown; John Martin, 51 Stafford St., Trucksville; Paul Beard, 117 Church St. Dallas; Alan Wolfe, 140 Franklin St., Dallas; Alan Cloak, RD 1, Dallas; Thomas Fisher, 60 Vonderheid St., Trucksville; John Cook, 256 Memorial Highway, Shavertown; Wayne Hildebrand, Clearview Ave., Trucksville.

## Coaches Retained By School Board

William Dierolf, a member of the Dallas School Board and chairman of the athletic committee, made a motion to the board Wednesday night which would have meant automatic dismissal of basketball coach Robert Cicon and assistant coach Clinton Brobst.

During the lengthy motion, Mr. Dierolf named coaches and assistants for the 1974 school year, omitting the names of Mr. Cicon and Mr. Brobst. He then requested applications for unfilled coaching jobs including the two basketball coaching positions.

Passage of the motion by the school board would have meant automatic dismissal. The board turned the motion down by a three-to-six vote. Voting with Mr. Dierolf were William Cutten and Fred Dymond. Opposing the motion were Patricia Gregory, Ernest Ashbridge, William Price, Harry Lefko, Hanford Eckman and Harry Swebston.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Gregory stated that the question of next year's coaches is now in limbo and must be settled by the board very soon.

Dr. Linford Werkheiser was sworn in for a new five-year term as superintendent of the district by Chief Justice Ben

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It's a hamster, his name is Cheezy, and he lives in Dallas. He normally doesn't pose for pictures but in this case he couldn't resist showing off in his shoe.