

Police Report

Jackson Township

Two thefts occurred in Jackson Township recently. On Dec. 4 20 sheets of plywood and 25 wooden two by fours were stolen from a home under construction which is owned by Atty. Robert Scovell, 36 Saginaw St., Dallas. Chief of Police Don Jones investigated the theft.

On Dec. 5 at 9:20 a.m. patrolman Richard Arnold recovered a Ford station wagon in a wooded area adjacent to the Scovell property on Sutton Road. The transmission and drive shaft had been removed from the vehicle. Cinder blocks similar to ones being used at the Scovell home were used to elevate the car. The station wagon had been stolen from the home of Robert Rave, Huntsville Road, Lehman Township Dec. 4.

Swoyersville Borough

Swoyersville Borough Police report a 1956 Chevrolet sedan was totally demolished by a train Dec. 10 about 6:35 p.m.

Lawrence Vojtko, 96 Sidney St., Swoyersville was going east on Grace St. Engineer Edward Kosciuk, Taylor, said his Erie Lackawanna freight train was going north about 35 miles per hour, blowing its whistle, when the Chevrolet crossed the tracks.

On Dec. 5, about 6:25 p.m., Nicholas M. Savoca, Green St., Swoyersville, lost control of his 1970 Cadillac and hit a telephone pole near 484 Church St. The telephone pole was cracked in half and the Cadillac was damaged extensively.

At 5 a.m. Dec. 11 a workman at the French Steak Co., Main St., Swoyersville, told police he heard someone in the basement. A check revealed an outside door swinging open but no one in the basement.

On Dec. 8, at 2:05 a.m., police recovered a stolen truck at Main and Slocum Streets. Detective Hank Winters and Sgt. Bill Dorman apprehended two juveniles and charged them with the theft.

About 5 p.m. Dec. 8, police discovered a car stuck in a hole on Shoemaker St. Police called Insana Construction Co. to find out who was responsible for the hole. Insana said the water company had dug the hole.

Kingston Township

Two accidents were reported in Kingston Township last week. The first was Dec. 10 at 4:15 p.m. on Route 309. Fred Doolittle, 42 Cherry St., Williamsport, was traveling south when the steering arm broke on his car and he lost control of the vehicle. He crossed the divider and struck an old railroad bank.

Chief Paul Sabol investigated and estimated damages at \$300. There were no injuries. The car had to be towed.

Chief Sabol investigated an accident Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the intersection of Huntsville Road and Route 309. According to the report, Louis Smith, 49 N. Gates Avenue, Kingston, was traveling north and had his flasher on to make a left hand turn onto Huntsville Road from Route 309.

Edward Groblewski, RD 2, Overbrook Road, Dallas, claimed that the Smith car was going to make a turn so he proceeded to pass on the right side. Mr. Smith didn't make the turn and the Groblewski car collided with the Smith car, damaging the right front fender.

There were no injuries and damages were estimated at \$100 to the Smith vehicle and \$150 to the Groblewski vehicle.

Dallas Township

Five accidents happened in Dallas Township from Dec. 4 to Dec. 16. The first was reported by Patrolman Russell Banta Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. on Route 309. Valerie Mesh, 20, 265 Noble St., Nanticoke, stated that there was some slush on the road which caused her to lose control of her car. It rolled over but Ms. Mesh and her passenger, Larry Czarnecki, were not hurt. Patrolman Banta reported that the car was totaled. It was towed from the scene.

Patrolman James Kelly investigated two accidents within 15 minutes Dec. 11. The first happened at 5:15 p.m. on Lower Demunds Road. Jeffrey Lingle, 62 Huntsville Road, Dallas, was coming out of the driveway of the Godleski home and did not see an approaching car driven by Robert Cyphers, RD 3, Dallas.

Mr. Cyphers stated that he was traveling north at a speed of 35 or 40 miles per hour and he locked his brakes when he tried to avoid impact. There were 25 foot skid marks made by the Cyphers car, the report stated.

Damage was estimated at \$300 to the Lingle car and \$200 to the Cyphers car. There were no injuries.

There was an accident at the intersections of Routes 309 and 415 at 5:30 p.m. According to Fred Gracely, Machell Avenue, Dallas, he was traveling in the extreme right lane of Route 415 when Audrey Reposh, 118 High St., Jessup, pulled out of the intersection into his lane. The right front fender of the Gracely car was damaged.

Patrolman Kelly cited "failure to yield the right of way" as the cause of the accident. There were no injuries and damage was estimated at \$400 to the Reposh car and \$500 to the Gracely car.

A near head-on collision happened Dec. 12 at 11:45 a.m. on Route 415. Paul Sutcliffe Jr., RD 3, Benton, was traveling north and Michael Groff, 16 N. Pioneer Ave., Dallas, was traveling south. According to Mr. Groff, the Sutcliffe car came over into his lane for no apparent reason. Mr. Groff left 75 foot skid marks in the southbound lane in an attempt to avoid collision.

Mr. Sutcliffe stated that he had just completed working a night shift and was on his way to Wilkes-Barre for a job interview and might have fallen asleep. He was knocked unconscious by the impact. The Dallas Community ambulance removed all of the injured to the Nesbitt Hospital for treatment.

Chief Carl Miers reported the cause of the accident as "failure to drive on the right side of the road." He estimated damages at \$3300 to the Sutcliffe car and \$3800 to the Groff car.

On Dec. 16 on Route 309, James M. Saba, 55 Butler St., Kingston, was traveling north on Route 309. Because of slippery road surface, he lost control of his car and crossed over into the two southbound lanes and went over an embankment. Patrolman Russell Banta investigated and estimated damages at \$2500. Mr. Saba was removed to the Nesbitt Hospital in the Dallas Community ambulance.

Dallas Borough Police report a two-car accident happened Dec. 6 at 6:25 p.m. at the intersection of Route 415 and Main Street. Joseph Hudock, Swoyersville, driving a 1967 Chevrolet truck, was stopped for a stop sign. Bernard Sotko, driving a 1968 Ford, ran into the rear of the truck. \$225 damage was done to the truck, \$20 to the Ford.

On Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m., Robert Stanton, RD 3, Dallas, was going north on Route 415 in a 1973 Fiat. Ralph Parsons, Main Street, Dallas, driving a 1968 Ford, was driving south on Route 415. When he turned into Elby's parking lot he hit the Parsons vehicle in the side. \$100 damage was done to the Fiat, \$25 to the Ford.

On Dec. 9, at 6:15 p.m., Denise Petrin, RD 2, Dallas, was stopped for a stop sign on Route 309 at 415 in her 1972 Javeline. Frank Taylor, RD 2, Harveys Lake, driving a 1967 Chevrolet, ran into the back of the Javeline. \$100 damage was reported on the Javeline, no damage to the Chevrolet.

On Dec. 13, at 3:50 a.m., Jean Pierre Kocher, Susquehanna Avenue, Dallas, was going west on Center Hill Road when he hit a UGI utility pole and a stop sign at Route 415. Damage to his 1969 Plymouth sedan was estimated at \$1,800.

Damage to the stop sign and pole was \$1,000.

Agreement Reached By C.T. and CWA

A bargaining committee representing the Commonwealth Telephone Company and the Communication Workers of America (CWA), AFL-CIO reached a tentative agreement at 1 a.m., Dec. 17. Both sides had been meeting with Federal mediator, Charles McHugh, at Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre since 10 a.m., Dec. 16.

Work sessions are scheduled for the balance of the week to finalize details and prepare a package for submission to the membership. Details of the new package are being withheld pending finalization by both committees.

CWA has been working on a day to day contract extension since their contract expired Nov. 30 at midnight. That extension remains in effect.

Capital is that part of wealth which is devoted to obtaining further wealth. - Alfred Marshall

Birch Bayh Amendment Would Reduce Oil Prices

By Melissa Langston
Post's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., introduced an amendment last week that would reduce the price of domestic crude oil by about 20 percent.

In introducing the amendment, Sen. Bayh said, "We will not begin to solve our severe combined problems in the economic and energy areas until we deal with the single greatest source of inflation — the rise in oil prices by as much as 300 percent in the last two years."

Sen. Bayh's amendment would reduce the price of old domestic crude oil now under federal price control from \$5.25 a barrel to \$4.25 and it would place under price controls the 40 percent of new domestic production not presently under controls — at a ceiling of \$8.50 per barrel. New domestic crude oil presently sells for approximately \$10.50 a barrel.

Sen. Bayh estimated that the combined ceiling on both old and new domestic crude oil would average out to about a savings of \$1.40 per barrel or about three cents a gallon.

Seven U.S. oil companies paid taxes averaging less than five percent, according to a report by the Senate Government Operations Subcommittee. The nominal corporate tax rate is 48 percent.

Sen. Scott Assured New Term as Minority Leader

by Alan Berlow
Post's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—When the Senate Republican caucus meets in January, Pennsylvania Sen. Hugh Scott will almost certainly be reelected to another two year term as Senate Minority Leader.

Republican defeats at the polls in November's elections eliminated a number of key Republican conservatives, virtually assuring that Sen. Scott—who describes himself as a "moderate"—would face no opposition in seeking reelection to the leadership position.

Sen. Scott has reportedly lined up more than half of the 39 Senate Republicans in his

In the Public Interest

Sen. Griffin Switch

by Ralph Nader

Can consumers in Michigan change the position of Sen. Robert Griffin (R-Mich.) against the consumer protection bill (S. 707) in time to enact this important inflation-fighter before Congress goes home this month?

This interesting experiment in democracy is now going on throughout Michigan with our support and encouragement. Petitioners are asking citizens to sign manifestos asking Sen. Griffin to use his influence as Senate minority whip to obtain enough votes to break the filibuster that has stalled this bill in the Senate since 1972. They are learning that Sen. Griffin voted in support of the consumer bill before his re-election campaign in 1972 when he needed consumer votes. His switch this year in opposition to consumer interests can be attributed to the lobbying power of General Motors and Ford Motor Co.

Sen. Griffin is being pressed by his friends in Michigan and Washington to change his mind. Some are urging him to grasp the mood of indignant consumers who see Washington permitting higher prices on all kinds of goods and services supposedly regulated or monitored by the federal government.

Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kans.), who formerly opposed the consumer bill, became a supporter before his successful uphill reelection campaign. He is urging Sen. Griffin to break the logjam, give the "go" signal to President Ford who is relying on his old friend's advice, and let the bill pass as part of the President's anti-inflation program.

Sen. Dole's advice makes good sense. There is a great need for a consumer advocacy agency to challenge the lethargy or proindustry positions of the old line regulatory agencies whose decisions affect the prices, quality and safety of so many consumer products

Mailed Items Limited To Inmates at SCID

With the coming holiday season, the State Correctional Institution of Dallas wishes to remind friends and relatives that food items, nuts, candy, fruit cake, and toilet items are not permitted to be mailed to inmates.

During the month of December each inmate will be permitted to spend up to \$10 a week in the Inmate Commissary. A good selection of Christmas food items will be available. If there is any doubt, it is suggested that money be considered to reduce the chances of the item being returned.

The report described how oil companies "whittle away" the nominal 48 percent rate through legal devices.

Tax breaks that most corporations take advantage of include accelerated depreciation, investment tax credit and capital gains. The tax rate is reduced further for oil companies through the oil depletion allowance, use of drilling costs as a short term expense and by subtracting the taxes paid to foreign governments from U.S. taxes.

Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., chairman of the subcommittee, charged: "It is difficult enough to live with their obscene profits but it is against all sense of equity and decency to permit them to enjoy such profits while not paying their fair share of taxes."

The House Ways and Means Committee has recently approved a bill that would end the 22 percent depletion allowance for major oil companies and would restrict the use of U.S. tax credits currently allowed for taxes paid to foreign governments. The bill might come to a vote on the House floor but Senate action on the bill is considered doubtful in the three remaining weeks before the 93rd Congress adjourns.

A tougher bill boosting oil company taxes is expected to win approval when the more liberal 94th Congress convenes in January.

Two more bills have been introduced in the Senate. The aim of both these bills is to provide federal assistance to the states during the energy crunch.

The first, introduced by Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., would provide assistance to areas hit hard during either an energy emergency or disaster.

The second, introduced by Sen. Jennings Randolph, D-W.Va., would provide \$75 million in federal funds to help low-income people pay their heating bills.

Sen. Scott's bill would authorize the federal government to provide assistance to areas that are suffering from fuel shortages. The government could redirect or allocate energy supplies from one area to another or provide emergency loans or technical assistance.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the Government Accounting Office is investigating the Federal Power Commission's award of a \$10 million computer contract to Planning Research Corp., for irregularities.

According to GAO, secret data the FPC uses to regulate the oil and gas industries could be fed into the computer system designed by Planning Research, which owns a lobbying firm that represents oil and gas interests.

Apparently felt Sen. Scott's credibility had been hurt when the White House used him to attack John Dean, the chief government witness testifying against ex-White House aides.

The Senate Minority Leader is elected by fellow GOP senators and is the chief spokesman for Administration policy in the Senate. The Minority Leader also acts as catalyst in seeking a Republican consensus on legislation on which the party takes a formal position.

Sen. Scott, who has held the position since 1969, receives a salary supplement of \$7,000 a year over the \$42,500 given other senators, maintains an additional five man staff and is provided a chauffeur-driven limousine.

Member 19, Sen. Griffin can swing several votes and obtain the public support of the President who thus far has been silent on the bill.

As the pile of petitions come in from Michigan, perhaps Sen. Griffin will go along with the minority leader, Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), and other Republicans such as senators Charles Percy (R-Ill.) and Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) who have long advocated passage of this key bill.

For as Sen. Dole has wisely informed Sen. Griffin: Either get the bill through this year with the Republicans and the White House receiving some credit for it, or have it pushed through in stronger form by a more liberal, Democrat-dominated Senate next year.

For the pragmatic junior senator from Michigan, the choice has never been clearer. This time, the people of Michigan know what he's doing and their voices are a building this year and next.

Consumers interested in obtaining petitions may contact For The People, 26075 Woodward Ave., Suite 106, Huntington Woods, Mich. 48070.



Forty Years Ago
1934

John Hildebrandt was named Master of Pomona Grange.

George D. Kirkland was Dallas Postmaster.

Water relief battle loomed. Atty. B.B. Lewis was counsel for the various protesting organizations.

Street cars ruined in the blaze that leveled the car barn in Dallas some weeks earlier were being removed.

Dallas basketball team defeated Shavertown, 41-20. Elias was high scorer.

Died: Mary Machell, 74, Centerville.

Evans advertised ice cream for 25 cents a quart. Chocolates were five pounds for 98 cents.

Thirty Years Ago
1944

Shavertown Methodist Church burned a \$14,000 mortgage.

Charles Lamoreaux received the bronze star for bravery in action.

In the Outpost: Marjorie Darrow, Sampson; Edward Owens, Norfolk; Glenn Kitchen, Oklahoma; Richard Gibson, Texas; Donald King, Georgia; Dick Phillips, Houston; Joe Statnik, East Indies; Bill Sayre, Aachen; William Frederick, Bermuda; John M. Culp, South Pacific; Don Grose, APO, New York; Frank Slavinsky, hospital in Europe; Howard Deater, Dutch East Indies; Will Rogers, New Guinea and Derwood Split, APO, New York.

Died: Sarah Elizabeth Holcomb, 89, Huntsville.

Twenty Years Ago
1954

Stefan Hellersperk, at 13 was the youngest Eagle Scout in the Wilkes-Barre area.

Edward Carey headed Shavertown firemen.

Mrs. Warren Unger was elected president of the Book Club.

Lake schools remained closed, lack of water. Brave little dog in Fernbrook saved family from fire by barking. The Gray Cuppells family escaped; firemen battled the blaze for two hours; a little dog developed pneumonia from smoke inhalation.

Johnnie Tibus was building a skating rink in Dallas.

Died: George T. Clark, 64, Beaumont.

Triple tie in the church league: Huntsville Christian, Shavertown Methodist and East Dallas Methodist.

Ancient picture of pupils in one-room school in Dallas Township was published.

William Evans, 85, thought nothing of taking a five-mile tramp.

Ten Years Ago
1965

Ground was broken for the new Dallas post office by Congressman Dan Flood.

Lehman Board of Supervisors explained new assessment and praised Penn State as an asset to the community.

Library accepted gift of Dallas depot building.

Gil Morris was elected head of Dallas Community Am-

Letter

To The Editor:

I have read the editorial in the Dallas Post of December 12, 1974, and make the following comments.

If the sanitary sewers were installed as a result of an order from the State to comply with a state or federal law, why is it not compulsory to connect into the system? If it is compulsory, why is it not enforced?

During the formation of DAMA, the possibility of failure to connect and pay for service must have been foreseen. What was the plan to cope with those problems? Why has action been delayed on failure to connect and for non-payment of service rendered?

Those who promptly connected to the sewer system and have paid their bills must be having second thoughts.

An increase in tax millage does not place the cost where it belongs and should be resisted by all affected parties.

Steps should be promptly taken to enforce connection to the sewer system in the areas it serves and for prompt collection of all outstanding bills for service rendered.

If the DAMA does not have the authority to act on these problems in a positive manner, steps should be taken to obtain it at once.

Sincerely,
E.L. Ross
69 Dorchester Drive
Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612

Only Yesterday



Flip Diderich, Rotary Exchange student, crippled in a swimming accident at Loyallville, returned to Holland.

Rumors of a shopping center at the Y near Route 309 persisted.

Special editorial urged the immediate provisions for a successor to the President of the United States.

The Rev. George W. Clement resigned as pastor of Emmanuel Assembly of God Church.

Back Mountain wrestling season opened.

Willard Sutton was named

president of Lake Township School Board.

Born: Marybell to Mr. and Mrs. James Huston, Dallas; Matthew to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moran; Laura to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stiggen, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Morgan.

Died: Jennie Fronzoni, Trucksville; Francis Frew, Carverton, and Thomas Bunney, 94, Fernbrook.

Food ads featured whole ham, 49 cents a pound; five pound box of medium shrimp, \$2.69, four boxes of tissues, 99 cents; center cut chuck, 53 cents a pound, and two large heads of lettuce for 35 cents.

Night Before Christmas

by Helen Villaume

(Updated with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even the mouse
Who shivered and shook as she nibbled her cheese
With the thermostat set at some 60 degrees.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of Disney World danced through their heads.

Mama in her woolies, and long johns on me
Had just scuttled our brains for a night of TV,
When out on the lawn there arose such a banging,
I sprang from my chair to see what could be clanging.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutter and threw up the slash.

The moon on the snow made it hard to conceal
Old Santa himself in a new snowmobile
As up to the steps of the back porch he steers.
(I've seen him somewhere—was it Penney's or Sears?)

He was dressed all in fur that was strictly ersatz,
And his clothing was dribbled with lolly pop spots.
His drool little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
His contacts, they twinkled, his dimples how merry,
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry—
Not that old Santa is known to indulge—
(A pillow accounts for that pol-belly bulge.)

An unlit cigar he held clamped in his teeth,
And a halo encircled his head like a wreath.
(Santa's "no smoking" is strictly because
Of pressure applied by his wife, Mrs. Claus.)

A bag full of gifts he had slung on his back,
Like a student from college with wash in a sack.
I ducked out of sight. In a moment of more
St. Nicholas came in through the patio door.

The string on his sack caused him quite a delay,
I think he was bucking for overtime pay.
For Mom he had chocolates tied up in a box,
(Purchased by Santa direct from Ft. Knox.)

For six-year old Linda no doll with a bib,
'Cause Santa is wise to the new women's lib.
Instead he has chosen a small Sherman tank,
And ten-year old Alfred has Santa to thank

For a gadget that's certain to make math a breeze
And side-track his brain to a state of deep freeze.
For me Old St. Nicholas has followed the norm,
My gift is, as usual, in liquid form,

'Though not of the type that you find at a bar—
An anti-freeze "snifter" to put in my car.
Santa, when finished, went out through the door,
I waited in vain for his motor to roar.

Ten minutes went by e'er he managed to pass,
And I heard him complain, "I & ?" that unladen gas."

He circled the driveway and shifting in gear
He took to the fields like a sure-footed deer.
'Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night,"
He shouted aloud. As he drove out of sight
His tail light flashed on, what I saw made me grin—
Three little letters spelled out the word, "WIN."

Public Occurrences

Dec. 19
Men's adult recreation will be held at the Dallas Senior High School from 7 - 9 p.m.

Dec. 19
Dallas American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas party at the Post Home at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 20
Gate of Heaven Holy Name Society will hold a games party at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Dec. 20
"Winter Wonderland", a Christmas dance, will be held by the Dallas Senior High School student council from 8 to 11 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Dec. 21
Annual Christmas Candlelight Service will be held at the Lehman United Methodist Church at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 21
Back Mountain Memorial Library Children's Christmas Story Hour at 4 p.m. at the annex.

Dec. 21
Trucksville Volunteer Firemen will hold their annual Children's Christmas party from 2 to 4 p.m. at the firehall.

Dec. 22
The Church School Christmas program will be held in the Huntsville Christian Church at 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 24
Huntsville Christian Church will hold a special communion service at 7:30 p.m. with singing and the lighting of candles.

Dec. 24
There will be candlelight communion Christmas Eve service in the Huntsville Christian Church, at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 28, 29 and 30
"Nutcracker Suite" ballet will be presented by the Wilkes-Barre Ballet Company at the Wilkes College Center for Performing Arts at 2 p.m.