

Christmas
Greetings
to all



May your Christmas be
a time of great family
joy and contentment.
Best of the best, and we
hope the days glisten
like the brightness of the
Yuletide candle?

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TWENTY CENTS

Cops Chase Stolen Car

Two Luzerne Borough Policemen chased three juveniles in a stolen car up over Bunker Hill Road and into a Kingston Township police road block early Sunday morning Dec. 8.

According to Luzerne Police, patrolmen Joseph Paratore and Charles Urban were on routine patrol about 2:30 Sunday morning. They noticed a Buick, white over blue, roll through a stop sign at Diamond Street, Luzerne.

The officers turned their car around and pursued the Buick which had made a right turn onto Bishop Lane and taken off at a high rate of speed. The car then made a left onto Bennett, a right onto Parry, and another right onto North Street, passing through four stop signs in the process.

The Buick then headed up Bunker Hill Road, ignoring blinkers and siren of the pursuing police car, lost control and sideswiped the guard rail at the top of Bunker Hill and headed down the other side.

By this time the officers had radioed for assistance, noted the direction the Buick was headed, and Kingston Township police threw up a road block on Carverton Road where it crosses Bunker Hill Road. The Buick was stopped at the road block and the juveniles apprehended.

The three were taken to Swoyersville and questioned by juvenile officer Hank Winters and Swoyersville police sergeant Bill Dorman. They were then taken to the Juvenile Detention Center in Wilkes-Barre. One was later released. A hearing is set in Juvenile Court Dec. 20 at 10 a.m.

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Dallas Borough Submits Budget

Dallas Borough Council presented a temporary budget of \$162,534 for 1975 at their Dec. 17 meeting.

Finance chairman Pete Arnaud read the proposed budget and said that it is based on no tax increase will be necessary for next year. The budget will be passed at a special meeting Jan. 7, 1975 at 8 p.m. in the borough building and taxes will be set.

Taxes for 1974 were \$5 per capita; nine mill real estate; one percent real estate transfer; and one percent earned income (shared equally with the school district).

The budget will be open for inspection at the secretary's office, 25 Main St., Dallas, beginning Dec. 23.

Mr. Arnaud said that no provisions have been made in the 1975 budget for delinquent sewer accounts or delinquent payments due for 1975 to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA). He reported that there has been a substantial reduction in the number of delinquent accounts through payment and through deletion because of litigation against DAMA or Marona Construction Company. Accounts which are in litigation have been removed from the delinquent list.

If it becomes necessary to pay some delinquent accounts, the borough will transfer a certificate of deposit to a delinquent sewer rental account and draw a six percent interest which will take care of the necessary bills. This investment will be protected by liens which are

placed against the delinquent account property owner.

Dallas Borough was billed \$16,811 for present delinquent accounts and \$7,800 for delinquent accounts in 1975 by DAMA. Out of 944 sewer EDUs (equivalent dwelling units) there were 58 delinquent accounts. According to secretary Ralph Garris there are now only 36 delinquent accounts in the borough. Four thousand dollars of the original \$16,811 is under litigation and \$4800 has been paid since the list was published.

Council voted to give DAMA the authority to shut off the water supply of those delinquent accounts which are not under litigation or are not hardship cases. This and any other means will be used to collect the delinquent payments in a hope to eliminate the necessity for a tax increase, William Carroll, sanitary chairman, stated.

Council voted to waive the 60-day waiting period so that DAMA could put the rental increase into effect Jan. 1, 1975. Councilmen William Berti and Kenneth Young voted "no" on this motion and councilman Williard Newberry abstained from voting. The motion was passed by a four to two majority.

Mr. Garris was instructed to inform DAMA of both actions.

Mr. Arnaud stated that DAMA is keeping a close check on all of the delinquent accounts and is keeping the borough informed frequently.

Lake Sewer Authority To Sue Glace & Glace

The Harveys Lake Sewer Authority has decided to sue their engineer, Glace and Glace of Harrisburg, for neglect.

At the Dec. 11 regular meeting of the authority, chairman George Alles, half-way through the meeting, said he would entertain a motion to sue. The motion was duly made and seconded; the final vote was unanimous.

Solicitor Donald McFadden was instructed to start preparing the legal papers.

Early this week Mr. Alles told the Post there has been a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the performance of the engineering company for quite some time.

The final straw came when the authority received a letter from Glace attorneys a short time before the meeting stating they felt no responsibility for the large settlement granted pumping station contractor Louis Pugh for relocation of pumping station number one and delays and expenses suffered on other aspects of the sewer project.

The letter said, in effect, Glace was prepared to go to court to prove it.

The Glace letter was a reply to a letter

sent by the authority after they approved the Pugh settlement on recommendation by Glace. At that time authority member Al Gultus complained the authority had not been informed of the details of the settlement until a few minutes before the afternoon meeting called to approve the settlement.

Mr. Alles said he hoped the suit would "bring things to a head one way or another. There are many areas of contention on this job we have to get straightened out. There is also the matter of what we feel was Glace's failure to apply for grants sorely needed by the community for this job."

Last fall Frank Burnside, a Harveys Lake resident, instituted a holding action that would allow the authority or the citizens to sue Glace for failure to apply for grants. It was designed to keep the statute of limitations from running out on one of the grants. There is no way he could name the Glace company itself so he named the authority and each individual member with the exception of Al Gultus.

Mr. Alles said the authority was busy trying to get the state to help out Harveys Lake with the cost of the sewers.

"We have been to Harrisburg many times," he said. "We feel the lake offers recreation opportunities for many Pennsylvania residents and it simply isn't fair that lake residents be burdened with the entire cost of the system."

Mr. Alles would not say if he was going to accept another five year term on the authority. At the last borough council meeting council approved another term for Mr. Alles.

"They will have my answer at the Dec. 30 meeting. I am honored that council has shown their trust in me at this time but they must know I am not the only person that can do the job," Mr. Alles said.



The spirit of Christmas entered the hearts of the office personnel at the Lehman Campus of the State University as they began decorating the halls at Hayfield. Wishing everyone in the community a joyous holiday season are, clockwise from lower left, Donna Ashton, Helen Pool, Patricia Kelly, Joy Kozemchak, Lorraine Mrackoski, Judy Dockeray, Loretta Ritaie, Fran Brown, Catharine Orf and Mattie Haczewski.

Authority Takes Action On Hookup Delinquents

The Luzerne Sewer Authority solicitor has a Christmas present planned for about eight Luzerne Borough residents who have not hooked up to the sewer system. He plans to take them before a magistrate the day before Christmas where they will probably be fined several hundred dollars per day for each day they continue to use their old septic systems.

Several weeks ago solicitor Arthur Piccone wrote letters to 10 borough residents chosen at random informing them of the borough's intentions. Several of the 10 have been excused from hooking up because their properties have been slated for acquisition by the redevelopment authority. One other has applied for a hookup permit and paid the fee. The rest have ignored the notice and will be taken to court.

At Wednesday's meeting of the sewer authority, chairman Rudy Leandri said he was now satisfied that sewer contractors Wyoming Sand and Stone were sincerely trying to settle the many damage claims in the borough.

After an opinion from solicitor Piccone the authority decided to pay half of the approximately \$70,000 they were retaining from the contractor until the claims were settled.

The sewer authority still has a master list of damage claims that is longer than the one Wyoming Sand has been working on. The secretary was instructed to compare the two lists to see exactly how many claims remain to be settled and then the authority will decide whether to release the remainder of the retainage.

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Early Deadline for New Year's Issue

The New Year's edition of the Dallas Post will be published December 30. Deadline for all copy and photographs will be Friday, December 27, at 2 p.m. Thank you and Season's Greetings to all.



Members of the Luzerne County Senior Citizen Center at Dallas enjoyed a Christmas party last week. The area group meets regularly in the center which is located on the campus at College Misericordia.

Meeting Set On Boundaries

As this paper went to press, Kingston Township officials and Swoyersville Borough councilmen met in the Kingston Township Municipal Building in an attempt to determine the exact boundary line between the two municipalities.

The northwest boundary between Swoyersville Borough and Kingston Township has been, at best, vague. Some people living on the fringe pay taxes to Swoyersville Borough and send their children to Dallas Area schools. Others do the opposite. Municipal services are also a matter of contention, both municipalities claim certain areas are not their responsibility.

At an adjourned meeting of the Swoyersville Borough Council last Tuesday night, borough solicitor Andrew Puhak said he had researched the situation and found a court case dating back to the early 1930's in which a boundary line had been established.

The case involved two families on Brook Street, Ambrose and Pihio, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was prosecuting the Borough of Swoyersville for nuisance. These two families were found to live in Kingston Township.

Enclosed in the brief was a map drawn up from a survey done at that time.

Atty. Puhak said engineers from the two municipalities should be able to work out an exact boundary from the map at the meeting Thursday.

In other business, council tabled a bill from the bonding company that took over the pumping station work on the sewer job when C.G. Grant went bankrupt. The bonding company said their subcontractors were strapped for funds and requested payment of \$40,000 from the borough for work done on the contract. Borough coordinator Mike Simko said if the borough pays the bill it will be strapped for funds before more taxes are received in the spring and might have to take out a short term loan. The money would ultimately be reimbursed from sewer grants but would probably take several months. Council will discuss the problem further at the next meeting Dec. 30.

Council discussed, and also tabled, a resolution from the Redevelopment Authority seeking additional funds from the Department of Community Affairs.

After the 1972 flood the Department of Community Affairs agreed to 100 percent reimbursement on four properties which were knocked off their foundations and had to be demolished. Later HUD turned down a request for reimbursement by DCA and DCA agreed to pick up the entire tab. DCA wants the borough to take the funds from their Urban Renewal money and agreed to reimburse the entire amount. Council balked at approving the request for more funds because they did not know who the properties belonged to.