



BACK MOUNTAIN TRAGEDY—Tragedy came to the Back Mountain last week when one Lake-Lehman student was killed and a second critically injured in a two-car accident on Route 118. The car the boys were riding in is

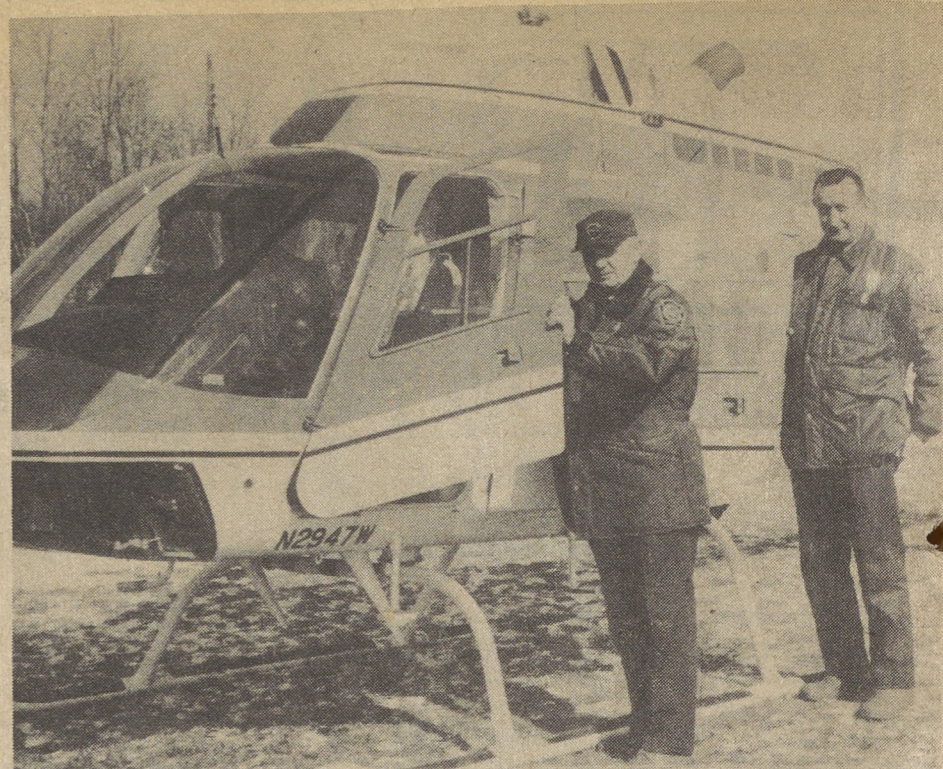
shown above following the crash. Bert Balliet, the driver is now in fair condition at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital; Brian Bednar, passenger in the car was fatally injured. (Photo by Fay Broody Studio)

FHA rural housing loans guaranteed

The Farmers Home Administration has begun a program through which it will guarantee rural housing loans made by commercial banks, savings and loan associations, and other private lenders, Harvey M. Gipe, Jr., FmHA county supervisor for Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wyoming Counties announced.

FmHA, the rural credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will guarantee up to 90 percent of the principal and interest of these loans.

Guaranteed housing loans will be available for moderate income borrowers who cannot get housing mortgage credit without a guarantee. Applicants who cannot qualify for guaranteed loans may apply for loans made by FmHA.



GAME PROTECTORS—Members of the Game Commission prepare to take off to check the wild game in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. Protector Godsky said the deer herds should be in good shape and advised people not to artificially feed them with corn, etc. but cut boughs for food. If the game wardens see turkeys or pheasants needing help, they will take food in by snowmobile. They ask people who see any flocks in need of assistance to call the Game Commission. Left to right, above, are Trooper Rossi, pilot; Game protectors Kriefsky and Godsky. (Photo by Cheryl Casner Gula)

Town Tavern burglarized

Dallas Borough added another burglary to its list of recent crimes, Monday

morning, when Bob's Town Tavern 34 Main Street, was burglarized sometime before 8 a.m. in the morning.

Robert Yurksis and Richard Yurksca discovered the burglary about 8 a.m. when they entered the place of business and found the rear door had been forced open. Dallas Borough police were notified about 8:30 a.m. that the burglary had taken place.

Investigation indicated that the burglars entered the premises by prying off the lock on the rear door. The burglars broke into two pinball machines and removed the coin boxes. A third machine was jimmied but not opened fully enough to allow the coin box to be removed. The owners stated approximately \$70 was taken from the machines. Everything else in the tavern was left intact.

EDC reports on PW fund factors

The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania announced this week that it had received the latest outline of factors relating to the selection of Public Works projects for funding under the Local Public Works and Investment Act of 1976.

The council noted that the factors may provide an indication to the potential which exists for another round of public works funding if Congress exacts and the President signs new legislation.

The Council for Urban Economic Development,

originator of the report, noted that two factors seemed to have worked to the disadvantage of larger cities. One was the per capita income, which awarded up to 15 points; and evidence exists that the larger the municipality, the higher the per

capita income. Therefore large cities did not compete well with small poor communities.

The other factor was the number of unemployed. Here again large cities did not benefit. Due to the fact that applicants with considerably more unemployed persons did not receive significantly increased number of points toward a total score, many applicants apparently did not have their public works projects funded.

The analysis by the Council for Urban Economic Development noted that most other scoring factors had little impact in discriminating among applications. It noted that there was some problems with the 70 percent - 30 percent formula split which allowed small municipalities with unemployment between 6.5 percent and the national aver-

age to receive funding of projects when, in fact, many project applications in communities with higher unemployment rates were not funded.

The analysis also reviewed county allocations, noted that many cities in lesser populated metropolitan areas were not funded, outlined that certain rural counties were over-funded, and that many industrial development related projects were not funded.

Howard J. Grossman, executive director of the Economic Development Council, stated that, "The report notes that Philadelphia received 13.3 percent of the State's Local Public Works allocation, while accounting for 13.6 percent of the unemployment; but Pittsburgh, Scranton, Erie and Allentown together accounting for 8.8 percent of the

State's unemployment were not funded."

Based on the above analysis, the report outlines possible changes if there is to be new Public Works legislation.

A copy of the legislative bulletin may be obtained by writing the Economic Development Council at Box 777, Avoca, 18641.

Radio Club to meet

The Murgas Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, Wednesday, March 2 at 8 p.m.

The program will be a slide show on hiking and ham radios. Refreshments will be served.

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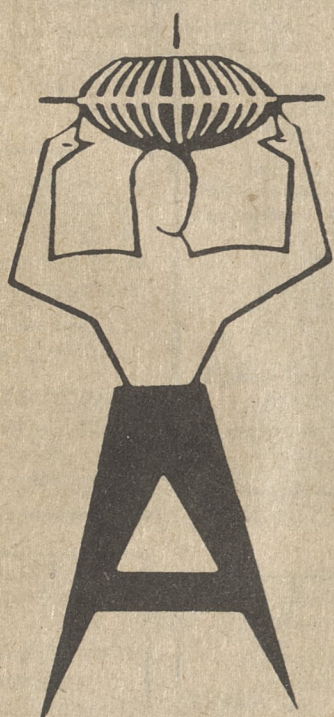
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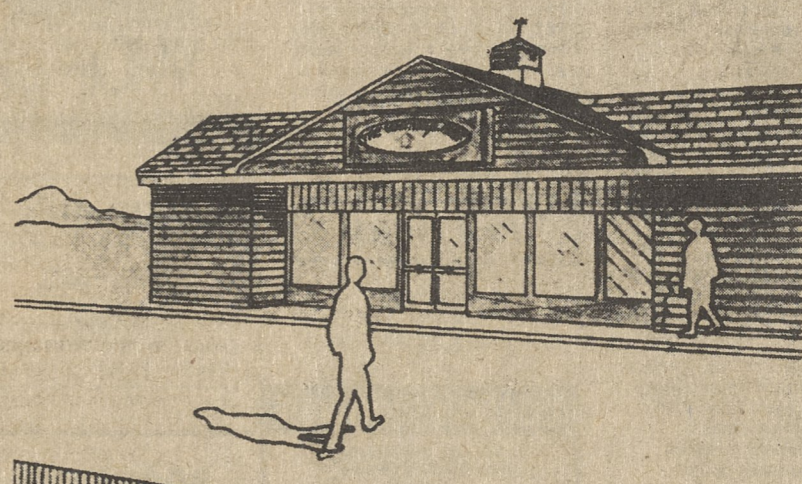
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