



**LCCC SIGNUP**—Approximately 3,000 freshmen, transfers and sophomores have registered for day and evening classes at the main campus of Luzerne County Community College. Pre-registration activities included a freshman orientation program which was attended by nearly 800 members of a freshman class of 1,200 students.

Shown talking to their counselor at the college are students from the Back Mountain area. Standing left is Linda Walters, Kingston, counselor. Seated: Ned Walsh, Sweet Valley; Laura Majewski, Trucksville; Lisa Dymond, Dallas; and Scott Sherwood, Shavertown.

## Jackson Twp. debates snow plow options

Two bids for a new dump truck with snowplow prompted a lively discussion at Monday's meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Supervisors.

Motor Twins submitted a bid of \$21,900 for a 1978 Ford. Wilkes-Barre Truck Center submitted a bid for \$21,880 for a 1978 International Model 1700. Both bids are for an automatic dump truck with snow plow and spreader.

Several residents questioned the extra cost of an automatic transmission. Supervisor Fielding noted that an automatic transmission would cost \$650 more. He explained that state workers are reverting to automatic vehicles due to the constant wearing out of clutches.

However, a county representative stated that county employees have sent back most of their automatic equipment as it does not seem as efficient.

Also brought up was the type of terrain in Jackson Township and which transmission would hold up

better under these conditions.

The supervisors decided to obtain information before taking any action.

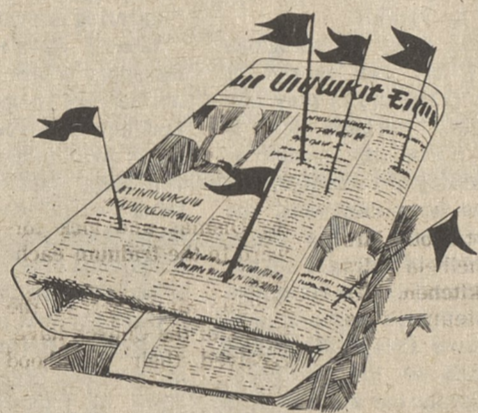
A resolution was passed approving distribution of the petitions that object to certain conditions at the State Correctional Institute at Chase.

Plans for the sub-division of Hunt Hill Development were adopted by the supervisors and will be submitted to the Department of Environmental

Resources for approval. Betty K. Bierly and Charles Kanarr Jr. are developers of the project.

Chief Donald Jones reported six accidents, two arrests and 57 complaints answered for the month of September.

The General Municipal Authority is in need of a recording secretary which would require about four hours per month. For more information contact the supervisors.



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## Commonwealth Telephone earnings vs. the industry

Comparisons of Commonwealth Telephone's financial performance indicate that the local firm hasn't done badly when compared to the larger companies in telephony.

Using 1975 figures, since they are the most recent available in Fortune Magazine listings at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, Commonwealth performed well in comparison with American Telephone and Telegraph, General Telephone and Electronics, United Telecommunication, and Continental Telephone.

The local firm reported 15.9 per cent in a 1975 ratio of net income to sales, compared to 12.6 per cent for United, 12.2 per cent for General, 9.5 per cent for Continental and 9.3 per cent for AT&T (Commonwealth was at 15.46 per cent in this category in 1976).

In ratio of return on investment under Fortune's basis for computation, Commonwealth would have shown a 29.96 per centage in 1975, compared to 61.03 per cent for General, 30.89 per cent for Continental, 21.62 per cent for AT&T and 21.6 for United. (Fortune compares net income to stockholders equity after adjusting for preferred stock obligations.)

In a comparison of operating income to net plant investment for the year 1976, according to Moody's Handbook of Common Stocks 1977 edition, AT&T showed 7.8 per cent, Continental 7.2 per cent, United 5.2 per cent and General was not listed. Commonwealth, for the same period, reported 7.9 per cent.

investment for 1976 would have ranked it in fourth place in a listing of telephone utilities including AT&T, Continental, Mid-Continent Telephone, Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph, New England Telephone and Telegraph, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, Rochester Telephone, Southern New England Telephone, United, and Central Telephone and Utility Company-10 of the largest telephone companies in the country.

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## New Holiday Market owner has many years experience

Herb Feeney, new owner of the Holiday Market in the Dallas Shopping Center, has a wide background of experience in the grocery business.

A native of Maine, he is married to the former Jean Price of Plymouth. Feeney has worked in grocery stores since he was a young boy and first owned a small grocery store in Dover, N.H., which he developed into a large supermarket, then operated for 20 years.

Three years ago, the redevelopment authority caused the closing of the supermarket and the

Feeneys came to Plymouth for a vacation. While here, Feeney took over the former A&P Store and operated it as a Holiday Market.

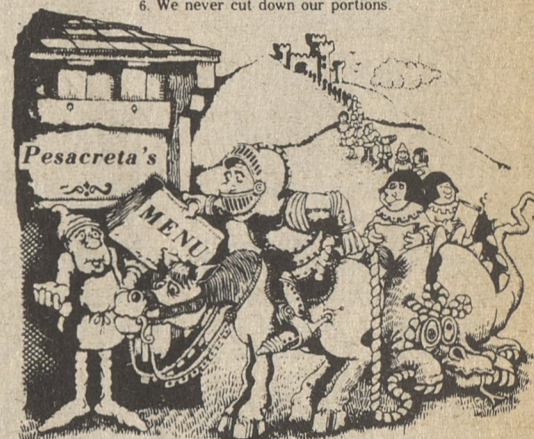
When the opportunity came for him to purchase the market in the Dallas Shopping Center, he took advantage of the offer and now owns both stores.

Feeney said that his policy will be quality meat, good service, and low prices in order to successfully serve the residents of the area.

He and his wife reside in Plymouth.

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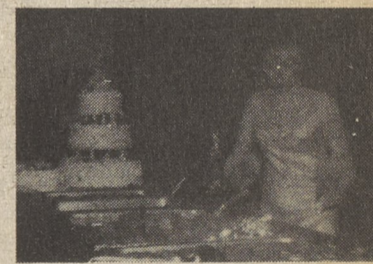
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