

Police Reports

Icy roads cause local mishaps

Icy roads conditions caused a Dallas woman's car to slide off Machell Ave. and strike a sign Saturday, Dallas Borough Police report.

Jane Lutz, 205 Meadow Drive, RD 3, Dallas, told Ptlm. Severn Newberry that she was driving east along Machell when a stick lodged beneath her car and she began to slide after applying the brakes, hitting a school sign off the road.

A New Jersey motorist ran into a local woman's car on Orchard East, Dallas, when he encountered a patch of ice and skidded across the roadway early Friday afternoon, according to Dallas Borough Police.

Police report that Charles N. Panarella, 22, of 5 Glenove St., Mahwah, N.J., was driving east along Orchard when he hit the ice and slid across the road into the patch of June Blum, 53, of 440 Orchard West, Newberry Estates. Panarella's car was towed from the scene. Investigating was Chief Edward Lyons.

Tires were slashed on automobiles parked on the lots of an automobile dealership and a garage early this week, Dallas Borough Police report.

Sunday afternoon or evening vandals slashed two tires on one vehicle and one tire on another parked at Richardson Dodge, Lake St. Investigation is being conducted by Ptlm. Severn Newberry.

Monday three more cars suffered damage while parked at Harry Wesley's garage, Memorial Highway. Four tires on one were slashed, while two others had one tire each slashed. Chief Edward Lyons investigated.

Thieves took nearly 600 pounds of food from a truck parked near a health food store after removing the truck door to get in sometime Monday, Dallas Borough Police report.

Taken from the truck left behind the House of Nutrition, Memorial Highway, were 250 one-pound boxes of almonds and 330 one-pound boxes of raisins.

Ptlm. Severn Newberry is investigating.

District Magistrate Leonard Harvey, Dallas, announces a change in hours.

The Magistrate's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8.

The Back Mountain Police Association will meet tonight at the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Memorial Highway, Dallas, at 8 p.m.

The meeting had previously been announced for the Dallas American Legion.

'What do they know' to justify restaurant boom

by Charlot Denmon

"What do they know, that we don't know?" That was the question asked by one Back Mt. restaurateur, noting the ever-increasing number of eating establishments in the area.

"Is a new shopping center about to be built here? Is a new industry coming in?" the local businessman asked.

Persistent rumors have it that at least two National Chains are negotiating for locations to construct fast food places in this area. McDonald's and Arthur Treacher's locations opened recently; Burger King and Mr. Donut opened about 1 1/2 years ago and Perkins Pancake House recently changed owners.

During the past several weeks reports have been that Elby's have purchased land in the vicinity of Wilson's Restaurant on Route 309 and plan to construct a restaurant. It also is reported that Sambo's plan to open a business across from Franklin's Family Restaurant on the site where the Sunoco Station now stands.

In a conversation with David Carr of Boury's Inc. (Elby's Big Boy Family Restaurants), Carr would neither confirm nor deny the report. He said that he was in no position to release such information but assured the Post when the company is at the point where it believes an announcement should be made, a standard release concerning location, size, management, and other details is issued to all media.

Following the conversation with Carr, the Post learned that the property across from Wilson's was in the hands of Howell & Jones Realtors, Inc. On Tuesday it was noted that there was a sign "sold" on the

property. The Post contacted the realtor's office but was told that someone had an option on the property but the realtor was unable to divulge any further information.

When questioned how Boury's determines whether or not a location would be profitable for their operation, Carr replied that the men at the top of the corporation are "intelligent, astute businessmen" and through "careful mental processes" arrive at a conclusion.

Attempts to talk with someone within the Sambo chain were entirely unsuccessful. Four calls were made trying to contact the proper person. The caller first was told the call would be returned by the person in charge of real estate.

When the call was not returned, a second call was made. This time the caller was given another number in the New Jersey area. The third call was no more successful; the caller was referred to a number in Georgia but this time was told the office to call was the company's advertising agency, Larson & Bateman, California.

That was the end of the line and the end of a run-around.

Curious as to whether the new McDonald's was pleased with its new Route 309 operation, a call was made to the Mocopco Company in Cherry Hill, N.J., operator of the franchise in Dallas.

A spokesman for the company explained that the decision to locate in the Back Mountain area was made following an investigation by its marketing people concerning traffic flow, number of businesses, population, growth in school

population, shopping malls, and predicted increase in population in the future.

Asked if the future Cross Valley Expressway might have been a factor in the company's decision to open a business in the area, the spokesman replied that she did not know.

She did indicate that McDonald's have two types of operation, company-owned and franchised restaurants. The local McDonald's is company-owned. The spokesman refused to divulge whether or not the company was pleased with business to date.

An attempt to contact an Arthur Treacher's spokesperson was unsuccessful as the person in charge was on vacation and would not return until the latter part of the week.

A rumor that there would be a new shopping center in the Back Mountain was investigated but nothing definite could be learned about it. It was reported that the new center may be planned on property along Route 415 from the intersection of the highway and Center Hill Road to Ray Daring's Market.

It was learned by the Post that the land in question is the property of the Sisters of Mercy. It also was reported to the Post that the rumor is Gus Kabeschat has the first option to purchase the land when and if it is for sale.

None of the above rumors could be confirmed as being positive but neither were any of them denied by the persons contacted. These people merely refused to confirm or deny. If there's an economic bomb about to be unloaded on the Back Mt., security so far is tough to penetrate.

Dallas schools ask help during inclement weather

In cases of severe storm or other emergency situations which necessitate early dismissals and school closings, the Dallas School District has established a procedure to maintain open lines of communications with parents and the news media.

During these times it is necessary for district personnel to make numerous telephone calls to various locations both in and out of the district. Once these emergency calls have been made, all other calls will be accepted and directed to the appropriate buildings. This procedure is an attempt on our behalf to maximize communications that will insure the

safety and well being of all of our students.

Past experiences have indicated that the multitude of incoming calls tie up the district telephone lines. The Dallas School District is requesting the cooperation of the community when such emergency situations arise.

The district is asking that parents refrain from calling the school district for the first one-half hour of the emergency. The switchboard operator will suggest to the parents who are calling during this period to call back after the necessary emergency communications are completed.

Harveys Lake may grant ok to Telecable

Harveys lake council this week noted the publication of a new ordinance which would grant the borough's cable television franchise to Back Mountain Telecable, the firm which has been operating the system all along.

In a legally-required publication, subject to the council's future authorization, the borough would grant the franchise to Back Mountain Telecable for a franchise fee of three per cent unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates CTV operations. The borough's previous franchisee had conceded a five per cent fee, also subject of FCC concurrence.

It also appeared possible that Telecable's provision of independent channels could be one less than those

proposed for offering by Gamma due to FCC regulation.

The proposed ordinance is pending formal official action by the borough at its next public meeting.

If passed, the designation of Back Mountain Telecable as franchisee would bring success to that firm, which has waged a considerable effort to retain the right to serve the community.

When Gamma was preferred by Harveys Lake councilmembers in an earlier 4-3 vote, Telecable brought suit against the borough. The suit reportedly discouraged Gamma's plans for launching its cable television business in the area and it subsequently advised Harveys Lake officials that they wished to drop the pending franchise rights.

Church

Holy Communion

at Lehman UM Charge

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared on the Lehman United Methodist Charge on Sunday Jan. 14. At Lehman there will also be the Sacrament of Baptism. The sermon topic will be "A Higher Calling".

There will be no meeting of the pastor's confirmation class due to the district evangelism committee meeting to be held at Shavertown.

All those interested in the church school are invited to the Luzerne County Sunday School Association Pastie supper and meeting at Bennett Presbyterian Church in Luzerne on Monday Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m.-Reservations requested.

The Idetown United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

St. Luke's to elect two council members

Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Noxen will elect two members to the church council at the annual congregational meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 in the parish hall. Four year terms of Roger Case and Louis May will expire.

Present members of the church council, in addition to Mr. Case and Mr. May, are Earl Crispell, Sr., Clarence Turner, John Jones, Don Wall and Walter Galka, who is president of the church

council. Rev. M. Luther Wahrman is pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Roy Dendler of Noxen is secretary of the church council.

Members of St. Luke's Church planning to attend Sunday's congregational meeting and dinner are asked to bring a covered dish. Meat and beverage will be provided. Members of the Ladies Society of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Parrish, president, will be in charge of the meal.

Gate of Heaven guild plans wine, cheese party

A wine and cheese party has been planned by Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson, chairlady of the program committee, for the monthly meeting of the Gate of Heaven Parent Teacher Guild.

The meeting and party will take place in the school auditorium on Wednesday,

Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. There will be a small admission charge to help defray the costs of the party.

Mrs. Robert Cartier, president of the guild, invited all the parents of the pupils at Gate of Heaven School to attend the meeting and become members of the Guild.

Priscilla Circle meets

The Priscilla Circle of the Shavertown United Methodist Church will meet Mon., Jan. 15th at 8

p.m. at the home of Donna Kachman with Barbara Stecher co-hostess.

Program will be presented by Tom Klinger.

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