

Post publisher gets Vance 'thank you'

The Dallas-based newspaper publishing firm of Pennaprint Inc. this week received a letter of thanks from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance for a special edition supporting the prompt release of hostages held in Tehran, Iran.

Gazette, Olyphant, Pa., combined to produce a special front page effect in petition format in which the friends and neighbors of Hostage Michael Metrinko, a former Olyphant resident, asked for his prompt release along with that of other American hostages.

publisher Ray Carlsen, Vance praised Metrinko's performance as a consul in Tabriz, a city in Northern Iran and said he would pass the Miner and Gazette front pages along to the Iran working group within the state department.

Copies of the special petition were also sent to the Iranian Embassy in Washington, D.C., to the American Embassy in Tehran, and to the Ayatollah Khomeini, Qom, Iran.

Carlsen said no acknowledgement was received from the latter three addresses.

Pennaprint publishes The Dallas Post, The Abington Journal, The Mountaintop Eagle and Western Poconos Press-Tribune in addition to The Miner and The Gazette.



IT HURTS—Laura Poynton's face expresses how hard the ice was last Sunday afternoon when she tripped and fell flat. It hurts, said Laura, as the photographer caught her on the ice. (Photo by Mark Moran)

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1980

Dear Mr. Carlsen:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of the January 16 Miner. Mike Metrinko distinguished himself as our Consul in Tabriz, and later in his work in Tehran. We are sparing no effort to secure his release and that of the other hostages.

I plan to share your memorable front page with the Iran Working Group, and I ask that you thank Miner-Gazette Editor Marita Lowman for her idea.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ray Carlsen,
Publisher,
The Miner-Gazette,
Box 515,
Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Franklin Twp. supervisors challenged on excess mileage payments to chief

Franklin Township supervisors were sporting red faces at the board's February meeting Monday evening in the basement of the Orange United Methodist Church following disclosure that they were violating a state statute by paying the township's police chief, Richard Bartholomew of Orange, 33 cents per mile for the use of his privately owned automobile for police activity.

State law limits payment for the use of privately owned automobiles to 17 cents per mile under Act 1979-51, enacted July 20, 1979, by the state legislature.

During 1979, the Franklin Township board approved payment each month at 28 cents per mile to Bartholomew, in addition to a monthly 'salary' of \$250. At the January reorganization meeting of the board last month, the rate per mile was upped to 33 cents per mile for Bartholomew. In addition, his

monthly salary was fixed from \$250 per month to \$275 per month.

Police Chief Bartholomew is a fulltime day supervisor at the Air Products plant in Hanover Township. He resides across the street from Harold Hoover, a member of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors and who also is employed at the Air Products plant in Hanover Township.

For November and December, 1979, Bartholomew submitted and payment was approved for upwards of 500 miles during each of those months at the 28 cents per mile rate. For some unexplained reason, Bartholomew's bill for January travel for police work was submitted for only 249 miles at the new 33 cents per mile rate. The reduction in mileage was more than 50 percent over the mileage submitted on the November and December bills.

The limit per mile for state of-

ficials and employees for any of the state's subdivisions is 17 cents per mile. The federal government limits payment for government use of a private automobile to 18 cents per mile. This information was brought out at several meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors by Franklin Township residents who attend meetings but to no avail.

The board, after hearing the complaints from residents, took no action and continued paying the 28 cents per mile plus salary to Bartholomew until last month when arrogant board members upped the payments to 33 cents per mile - in addition to a 10 per cent salary increase.

Hoover, a member of the Franklin Township three-member board of supervisors and also the board's secretary-treasurer, was confronted by the disclosure at Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Township board.

Shown a copy of Act 1979-51, as enacted by the state legislature on July 20, 1979, Hoover was caught by surprise and replied that the board would have to consult its solicitor, Atty. John E. Morris, who was not in attendance at the meeting.

Hoover said the township couldn't afford the purchase of a police cruiser and the board was of the opinion that the arrangement with Bartholomew to pay him 28 cents per mile, (which was raised to 33 cents as of January, 1980,) was the best for the township.

"We'll just have to find some other way to compensate him for the use of his car," Hoover said.

At several meetings during 1979, Police Chief Bartholomew has come under fire from Franklin Township residents attending meetings, who complained that he is seldom seen on patrol or other police duty. Police callers in many instances are referred to the state police barracks at Wyoming.

THE MINER

Those who deny Freedom to others deserve it not for themselves. and under a Just God cannot long retain it.

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Northeastern Bank plans Dallas Twp. branch

Northeastern Bank of Pennsylvania plans to build a branch office in the Back Mountain, according to Tom Roberts, vice president of marketing.

The bank officials filed an application in January to construct a branch building of Northeastern on property at the intersection of Route 309 and Upper Demunds Road, across from Wilson's

Restaurant.

According to Roberts, the bank must first file applications with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking Institutions and the F.D.I.C., giving them specific information concerning the bank's plans.

Following examination by both groups, Northeastern Bank will be notified whether or not the plans

specified in the applications are approved.

Leonard Kozik, Dallas Township zoning officer, said that he had been contacted by the Northeastern Bank concerning percolation tests and water and sewage facilities.

If approved, Northeastern would become the second area bank to announce Back Mt. branch plans in 1980. Hanover Bank announced

construction plans which began a few weeks ago.

First Eastern, United Penn and Wyoming National, the latter with two locations, already operate Back Mt. branches.

Northeastern, a Scranton-based bank, is one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's largest banking companies.

Franklin raises road crew wages

Franklin Township board of supervisors raised salaries of its roadmaster and other road department personnel by 10 percent for 1980, making Franklin Township's road employees the highest paid of nearby townships.

Current (1980) salaries for road department personnel in the township are listed as follows: \$6.20 per hour for roadmaster; \$5.60 per hour for an assistant; \$5 per hour for truck driver and \$4.65 for laborer. The 10 percent increase is above the seven percent recommended by the federal government in its effort to control inflation.

The job of roadmaster was passed on last fall and again at the January

re-organization meeting to Willard Race, son of 78-year old Russell Race, Sr., a member of the board of supervisors, who held the roadmaster position for more than a decade until his recent illness in October.

Race, Sr., however, continues to work on the road department, as evidenced by payment for work he performed last month and for which he was paid about \$250 at Monday's meeting.

His son, Willard Race, at Monday night's meeting received the following net salary payments for work allegedly performed in January. For the first half of

January, payment to Willard Race was approved at Monday night's meeting for 101 hours, plus five overtime hours. For the second half of January, payment to Willard Race was approved for 99 regular hours and three overtime hours.

The township has no garbage collection, has a volunteer fire department and most of the tax monies go for payment of supervisors, auditors, solicitor, or other administrators and road workers.

Board Chairman William Meade presided. In attendance were Supervisors Russell Race, Sr. and Harold Hoover. A half dozen taxpayers were in attendance.

Bevevino property 'total loss'

A raging fire totally destroyed a large English Tudor style house on Shrineview Drive, Dallas, Friday night and early Saturday morning.

Robert Besecker, assistant fire chief, in charge of the firefighting in the absence of Fire Chief Don Shaffer, described the house as a total loss.

Formerly owned by Harrison H. Smith, the house had recently been purchased by Frank Bevevino and was in the process of being remodeled.

Besecker said that there was no suspicion of arson. He said that workmen had been in the house on Friday but no one knows what caused the blaze.

The assistant chief was on the scene before the firemen arrived. He said there was no way they could save the house since the flames were through the roof from the basement before the firemen came on the scene.

"Wind and lack of water supply hampered the firefighting," said Besecker, "but the fire was so totally involved no amount of water could have saved the structure."

According to Besecker, the house was insured by the owner.

On behalf of the Dallas firemen, Besecker extended appreciation to the firemen of Franklin Township, Kunkle, Shavertown, Trucksville, Idetown, Lehman and Harveys Lake, who responded to aid in fighting the fire.

The Bevevinos, when contacted, said that they were very sad about losing the house since it was their desire to own an old house in the area. Mrs. Bevevino said that at the present time, they were undecided what their future plans would be for the property.

"It could have been worse," she said, "we could have been living in it and lost everything."

Wilson's Restaurant 'not on the market'

Recent reports that Wilson's Restaurant has been sold are completely unfounded, according to Robert Coscia, one of the two owners of the restaurant.

Coscia said that several parties have expressed interest in the business in the past but he said that nothing developed following talks with the owners.

At one time, according to Coscia, two gentlemen from Western

Pancake indicated interest but decided that the building was too large for their plans.

Coscia also said that contrary to rumors, he and his partner, Wilson Garinger, have not been approached by the Elby "Big Boy" Restaurant to purchase the business.

Wilson's Restaurant has not been placed on the market, according to Coscia.



TOTAL LOSS—The large English Tudor home formerly owned by Harrison Smith and recently purchased by Frank Bevevino was totally destroyed by raging flames last Friday night as fireman from six companies were at the scene working to get the blaze under control. (Photo by Mark Moran)

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