# **Police Reports**

"Gypsies" rob Dallas market The "Gypsies" who allegedly robbed Daring's Market Friday were traced as far as the Elmira, N.Y. area through their auto registration plates, Dallas Twp. Chief of Police Carl Miers said this week.

The group itself, according to the chief, is believed to be from Chicago.

On Friday the group of six women and two men was reported to have robbed the market by the strategem of of a car belonging to Daylene Burnside, Sutton Rd., distracting store personnel and getting an employee out Shavertown, and damaged the tape deck while trying of the office, then taking the day's receipts and fleeing. The amount taken was not disclosed by police.

Baldoni faces new charges, hearing A new hearing will be scheduled for an out-of-area man previously arrested for attempted breakin, auto theft, and theft from an auto, with additional charges of burglary and theft to be filed later.

is Joseph Baldoni, 22, of Warminster, following action by according to Dallas Borough Police. two Back Mountain Police departments.

His hearing on charges of attempted breakin at the Back Mountain Sporting Goods store two weeks ago, scheduled for last Friday, had to be continued when his attorney, a public defender, could not appear.

Baldoni had been arrested and charged with the Ptlm. James Tupper. breakin following his apprehension by Dallas Ptlm. Clark Van Orden.

Then, at the Friday would-be hearing, Baldoni was arrested by Kingston Twp. Ptlm. Lou Rozelle in con- car on Rte. 29 in Lehman Twp. Sunday morning, acnection with the theft of a van from the Duke Isaacs auto cording to Lehman Twp. Police. dealership in Trucksville and the theft of a stereo unit from a vehicle owned by Ernie Priebe, 280 West 6th St., Creek, was driving his truck north along Rte. 29 when a Wyoming.

Kingston Twp. Sgt. William Pugh said that he will arrest Baldoni once again when he returns to the office of District Magistrate Earl Gregory in Shavertown for his new hearing. Sgt. Pugh will charge him with a burglary and theft at Cook's Drugstore three weeks ago. The condition. Paraschak was treated there for face and arm entrant at the store was reported to have taken watches injuries and released. Ide suffered minor injuries and cash valued at more than \$2,100. said he would see his own doctor. and

#### Vandals smash windshield

A Dallas man suffered vandalism to his car late

Sunday evening, Dallas Borough Police report. Paul Donlin, 45 Maplewood Ave., told police that someone smashed the windshield of his car with a rock and damaged the antenna as well. His wife's car, he said, also suffered some damage from the rock. Investigating is Ptlm. John Fowler.

#### Accident claims man's life

A Wyoming man lost his life Friday when he ap parently lost control of his car while driving along Rte 118 in Lake Twp. and ran into the side of a house.

Dead is John Hobrock, RD 3, Wyoming. According to police, Hobrock was traveling near the intersection of Rtes. 29 and 118 in Pike's Creek when his car left the roac and struck the home of Kenneth Williams.

#### Driver cited following crash

A Dallas man was cited for going through a stop sign in the wake of an accident that left two cars and a fence damaged, Kingston Twp. Police report. Cited was Walter Geffert, 45, of 552 Parrish St., Dallas.

According to police, Geffert was driving along Lehigh St. when he went through a stop sign at the intersection with Division St. and ran into a vehicle entering that in-tersection from Division, with the two cars then striking a nearby fence.

Driver of the second car was Henry Stuart, Jr., 17, of 5 Sunset Ave., Shavertown. Damaged was the fence of Robert Williams, 21 Division St. Geffert's auto was towed from the scene.

Investigating was Ptlm. Lou Rozelle.

### Goat killed

A goat belonging to a Dallas-area family was shot and killed last week, Dallas Twp. Police report.

Frank Tonart, RD 1, Upper Demunds Rd., told police that he had been keeping two small goats tied in his yard when his daughter returned from school Wednesday to

### find one fatally shot.

#### Stereo damaged in theft attempt

Kingston Twp. Police are investigating the un-successful attempt to steal a stereo tape deck from a Shavertown family's car sometime overnight between Monday and Tuesday.

unsuccessfully to remove it.

The Burnsides provided police with a description of two men said to have been observed loitering in the area shortly before.

Investigating is Ptlm. Gary Beisel.

#### Car hits ditch

urglary and theft to be filed later. Presently in Luzerne County Prison under \$30,000 bail when his car struck a washed-out section of Lake St.,

Police said that Joseph Kaminski, 21, of 4 Griffith St., Pittston, was driving along Lake St. when his car struck a patch of road that had been dug up and then filled in, with the fill washing out during a rainstorm.

The vehicle was towed from the scene. Responding was

#### Three hurt in crash

Three people were injured in a collision of a truck and

Police said that Douglas Ide, 32, of RD 2, Hunlock car driven by Michael Paraschak, 48, of RD 2, Hunlock Creek, exited Ceasetown Rd and collided with the truck. Mary Zukoski, 82, or RD 2, Hunlock Creek, a passenger

#### Gun discharge causes injury

A Shavertown man suffered injury Friday when he accidentally shot himself in the arm.

Mark Evans, 33, of 170 Hillside Ave., was treated for the minor wound at Nesbitt Hospital, Kingston, and released. The hospital said he picked up the weapon at his home and it accidentally discharged.

#### Woman injured in accident

An early morning accident last Tuesday sent a Falls woman to Nesbitt Hospital.

Joyce Garrahan, 35, of RD 1, Falls, was admitted in fair condition after her auto went out of control while she was driving along Upper Demunds Rd., Dallas Twp., at about 2 a.m. Tuesday. Dallas Twp. Police investigated.

#### Cyclist collides with car

A motorcyclist suffered injuries Friday when his vehicle was struck by a car on Pioneer Ave., Dallas Borough.

According to police, Jay Rogers, Dallas, was driving a motorcycle onto Pioneer Ave. from East Overbrook St. when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Patricia Rosenthal, 34, Newberry Estates, who was unsuccessful in swerving to avoid him.

Rogers was treated for foot injuries at Nesbitt Hospital and released.

#### Driver escapes serious injury

A Hunlock Creek man suffered only minor injuries when his car went out of control on Rte. 29 early Sunday and left the road.

Lehman Twp. Police said that William King, 28, of Hunlock Creek, was driving north when he lost control, with the car then hitting a tree and rolling over several times, finally coming to rest on the berm.

King was treated at Nesbitt Hospital for minor injuries.

## **Dallas teachers** honor Prokopchak

The teachers of the Dallas District School are having a dinner, to honor retiring principal, Walter Prokopchak, on Nov. 2, at the Pinebrook Inn.

Prokopchak had been the principal of the Dallas, Borough, Westmoreland, and Trucksville School buildings for the past eight years.

He has been a teacher in the Dallas District School since 1955, being teaching principal for nine years. He was graduated from Franklin Township high school and

took his teacher training from Bloomsburg State Teachers College. He worked for the Blue Ribbon Bakery for a number of years before joining the teaching staff of the Dallas School. Prokapchak served as president of the Dallas Township P.T.O. when

his children were in school. He was president of the Dallas Teacher's Association. He is a life member of N.E.A. and Bloomsburg Alumni Association, and a member of Principal's Association of Luzerne County.

Walter Prokopchak



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Alliance (NEPA) is the coordinated by G.A. new name given to the Walters, expansion of the One-To- superintendent at the One program at the State prison. **Correctional Institution at** 

Dallas. According to Ian Among these offshoots Richardson, chairman of is Thresholds, a decisionthe organization, the making program under choice points up the the direction of Mrs. larger area covered by Ingrid Prater of Pioneer the volunteers in the Avenue, Dallas, which group. During the five has run cyclically spring years since the One-To- and fall for three years. One correspondence-v- Its current training was isiting project has been completed in September functioning at the prison and 10 volunteer-teachers under the direction of are meeting with in-Sister Julian Baird of dividual clients twice a Mercy Center, many spin- week at the academic offs have been made to cover other needs at the grounds. It runs through institution. NEPA will December.

Northeast Prison umbrella them all, several years is the Hispanic Club, made up of deputy men whose mother-

tongue is Spanish, and aided by Sister Barbara Craig, also of College Misericordia. L.I.F.E., a group of men who are serving long sentences, receives counsel and practical help from the Rev. John Prater of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

Also functioning for

EPA new name for One-To-One

A new program, still in pilot status, is Adventures in Personal Growth, taught by Mrs. June Guncheon of Hawley. If successful, this will be repeated every six weeks

name adoption is the time of meeting, no longer monthly but quarterly, with the next at the prison administration building on Dec. 8 at 7:15 p.m. A bulletin will be published monthly by organization secretary Robert Wilkinson, of Carr Avenue, Dallas, to keep the members acquainted

with a new group of in-

Other changes in the

program besides the

mates taking part.

with ongoing activities. This will go to all mem-bers of One-To-One both inside and outside the prison. Further information on this can be obtained from Wilkinson.

## SEA, PP & L clash on nuclear energy education program

The Susquehanna Environmental Advocates (SEA) and Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. are contesting an issue before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission which could cost PP&L ratepayers 21/2million dollars if it is decided in PP&L's favor.

The issue is whether or not PP&L Energy Education Program. SEA has filed a complaint with the PUC, asking the Commission to disallow that part of PP&L's rate increase request that would be used for the education program. SEA contends

that PP&L, with nearly 3 billion dollars invested in nuclear power, offer a balanced, unbiased education program - and that if it wants to try to re-educate students, its stockholders should pay for it. If the PUC rules in SEA's favor, it will save PP&L customers 21/2 million dollars.

"We've said it before," stated SEA spokesperson Gerald R. Schultz, "PP&L is a public utility, not a public school. It has no business trying to re-educate students, and it cannot be unbiased.

One need only look at PP&L's "Energy Information Center" or examine the statements of PP&L's public spokesmen, to see that PP&L is exceedingly biased in favor of nuclear power."

PP&L, of course, disagrees, and has filed an answer with the PUC stating that it can and will present a balanced program.

SEA is an environmental action organization based in Wilkes-Barre. Comments and questions are welcome at 825-4304; in Dallas, call 675-1093; in Mountaintop, call 678-

# Thank heavens for World Series

#### by Dick Swank Pennsylvania Press Bureau

Thank heavens for the World Series. If it hadn't been for it we would have been smothered with Real People as they call them in television land and we would have spent the greater part of the fall season watching old men walk around the world backward and little boys catching flies to pop into their mouths. I know they have to fill in time with whatever they can grab, but do they have to keep grabbing below the belt?

Even between the innings of those playoffs for the National League title there were commercials about how this visionary could solve mysteries by getting hold of the skull of the victim to guide it towards the person who had murdered the rest of the body. The, network was so intent on retaining customers that it showed this comeon, complete with skull wrapped in plastic, all set to gitcha.

I don't mind reruns but when I get reruns on top of reruns my brains start to curdle. I've seen Sanford grab his heart so many times I feel that Elizabeth is really on her way back down those golden stairs. And the boys and girls from MASH have strewn Korea with so much of the same crap over so many seasons that it is slowly dragging that part of Asia into the sea.

Nevertheless the old comedies, no matter how dreadful, are preferable to the accommodation of the nation's exhibitionists. There is not a neighborhood in America where good citizens fail to produce fodder for this particular mill. I do know people who will eat flies, who will take out their false teeth to display to all as a sloppy way of salutation (perhaps that should be salivation) and it is quite common in some circles for the life of the party to drop his drawers.

The scouts for these dubious entertainment efforts have no difficulty in obtaining ever more incredible performers. All they have to do is holler out an open window. Recruits pour in and are quickly convinced that it is possible to jump over an automobile going ninety miles an hour or soar across a dozen cars in a Greyhound bus.

No one has gone through a normal childhood without knowing at least one small boy willing to bash his head against a brick wall for a nickel.