## **Back Mountain News Briefs**

Seventeen Trucksville families will pay an additional \$10 per quarter for water this year. The Maplecrest Water Commission recently unanimously approved the rate hike in order to generate money to meet operating expenses. The Commission is a non-profit, independent service regulating the Maplecrest Water Company.

Robert Zukosky was also re-elected president of the Commission. His term is for two years. David Jones was re-elected vice president; John Puchalsky, secretary and Phil Johnson, treasurer. Bob Morgan, Andrew Fedak and Gary Beisel were named to the Board of Directors.

George J. Alles, Lakeside Drive, was elected for the ninth time as chairman of the General Municipal Authority of Harveys Lake at a recent reorganizational meeting.

Alles has served on the authority board since January, 1973. He was first elected chairman in 1974. Other officers include Joeph G. Shappert, vice chairman; Albert Gulitus, secretary; William P. Gunster, treasurer; and Terry G. Jones, assistant secretary-assistant treasurer.

Frank Coulton was elected chairman of Harveys Lake Council last week at the borough's reorganizatinal meeting. A full compliment of Council members with the Republicans regaining control of the majority (upon the appointment of Richard Myers to fill the vacancy left by the death of Joseph Ruotolo), voted on the appointment. Margaret Purcell, another Republican, was named vicechairman.

Council also moved to have a plaque made to honor the late Ruotolo. This will be hung in the meeting room at the borough.

Regular meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday of the month for 1983. They will begin at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Jay May, Orchard View Terrace has been elected chairman of the Dallas Township Planning Commission. Carol Honko was re-appointed secretary of the Commission and previous members Dr. James Aikman, Danny Meeker, Cathy Lawrence, and Robin Bayer will continue to serve. Frank Townend is solicitor of the commission

John Kopetchny, Swoyersville has been found "not guilty" of charges of involuntary manslaughter and recklessly endangering, as a result of his wife's death last may.

Marsha Kopetchny was found dead on May 21, 1982. The Commonwealth contended she died as a result of a blow to the head which she received during an argument with her husband 12 days earlier.

Judge Bernard Podcasy presided at the four-day trial.

The Commonwealth was represented by Assistant District Attorney Charles Coslett. Counsel for Kopetchny was Public Defender Basil Russin.

Wilson R. Garinger, 62, RD 2, Dallas, will be the object of legal argument on a motion for a new trial and-or in arrest of judgment in connection with his conviction on narcotics charges. The argument will be brought up during Luzerne County Court's next term. Garinger, convicted on June 4, 1982 of two counts each of possession and delivery of a controlled substance, has not yet been sentenced because of his appeal.

The Dallas man had been acquitted by a jury of two counts of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. Garinger, who owns Dallas Dairy, was arrested in October, 1981. He claimed he used marijuana occasionally to relieve pain caused by rheumatoid arthritis.

Teamsters Local 401 was recently approved by 28 employees of Custom Management Corp. who work at College Misericordia, as their new union representative. A vote, sanctioned by the National Labor Relations Board, gave a 15-9 margin to the new union for full-time and part-time carpenters, plumbers, painters, electricians, janitors, ground crews and maintenance personnel on the college campus.

The new local replaces Professional and Public Service Employees Local 1300 which also represents employees of the county prison, Wilkes College, Avoca Airport and Wilkes-Barre City. The effort to replace the local representation had been ongoing for two years. Employees at the college are currently working under the terms of a contract which expired in May, 1982. They are now awaiting notification from the NLRB to certify Teamsters Local 401 as their negotiating representative.

Spencer Martin and Robert Dickinson were reappointed chairman and vice-chairman of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority at the board's reorganization meeting last Thursday night. The two have held the posts for 17 consecutive years.

Other appointments on the board included Kenneth Rogers, secretary; Joseph Youngblood, assistant secretary; Robert Packer, treasurer; and Thomas Doughton, assistant treasurer.

Martin and Dickinson were named to the engineering committee, Youngblood and Rogers to personnel, and Parker and Doughton to finance.

Dallas Township police are using a new speed monitor purchased at a cost of \$1,860 plus \$100 for installation. The computer system which is carried in the police cruiser, computes vehicle speed and measures distance and time. It will also determine accident distances and skid marks. The system is manufactured by Systems Innovation Inc., Hallstead. The township's old speedrecording machine has been sold.

## 'Off the hook' concerns Commonwealth

Commonwealth Telephone Company Vice President James J. Shields cautioned Back Mountain telephone customers that leaving their telephones off the hook will prevent others from being able to use the telephone system in an emergency. Some customers have been done with the intent to using the technique as a security measure. "There are more effective ways to deal with the problem of home security than leaving the receiver off the hook," Shields explained.

as a result of a local the hook can tie up newspaper article which necessary equipment in appeared last week our central office, thereby focusing on home crime prohibiting other prevention tips for customers from getting a residents of the Back dial tone to make regular Mountain area. One of or emergency calls. If a these tips was to leave the large number of telephone off the hook customers were to take when residents leave their phone off the hook, home. This procedure is the entire exchange could be put out of service." deter any would-be Shields continued. burglars. "An alternative to The alternatives leaving the telephone off suggested by Shields the hook for Dallas included the custom customers is the call calling feature of call forwarding service forwarding and private provided by Commonwealth. With call security systems which forwarding, customers hook directly into the telephone lines. "Leaving the telephone receiver off Phone 675-4344 **Open Daily 9-6** 

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both of RD 5, Tunkhannock; sisters, Mrs. Mabel Wilsey, RD 2, Tunkhannock; Mrs. Mildred Cross, RD 5, Tunkhannock; Mrs. Race, RD 1, Dallas. Funeral was Thursday,

Deaths

William Cook

William L. Cook, 86,

formerly of Evans Falls,

died Monday, Jan. 17 at

the Smith Rest Home,

He was born Nov. 26,

1896 at Vernon, son of the

late James and Roseanne

He is survived by sons,

Eugene, Port Reading,

NJ; William L. Jr.,

Hillside, NJ; Frank E.,

Cranford, NJ; Warren J.,

West Caulfield, NJ;

daughter, Mrs. Lois

LaManna, South Plain-

field, NJ; 15 grand-

children; 16 great-grand-

children; brothers,

Stanley and Waldo Cook,

Noxen.

Derby Cook.

Jan. 20, from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with Pastor Clark Acker of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Tunkhannock officiating. Interment in

the Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre. She was born in Idetown, Nov. 26, 1939, daughter of the late Russell Rogers and the former Mary E. Williams

of Noxen. She is survived, in addition to her mother, by her husband, Odie R. Heath, Bayonne, NJ; son, Odie R. Heath IV, daughters, Patricia L. Heath and Sharon L. Heath, all at home; brothes, James R. Rogers of Meeker; Richard R. Rogers, Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Mrs. Rita Butler, Noxen; Mrs. Shirley White, Endicott, NY; Mrs. Barbara Williams, Binghamton, NY.

Funeral was Thursday, Jan. 20 from the Swanson Funeral Home, corner of Rts. 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, with the Rev. Jerry Tallent, pastor of Noxen Independent Bible Church, officiating. Interment in the Idetown Cemetery.

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Ave., Trucksville, died Wednesday, Jan. 19 in Wilkes-Barre General

Hospital. Born in Scranton the former Katherine Molter, she had been a resident of Wyoming Valley since 1936, living in Kingston,

Wilkes-Barre and Trucksville. Surviving are son, George, Wilkes-Barre City Fire Department, Wilkes-Barre; two granddaughters; three greatgrandchildren; brother, Carl Molter, Vestal, NY. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 22 from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main Street, Shavertown with Pastor Arthur E. Redmond of the Slocum Chapel, Exeter,

Dallas; two granddaughters. Funeral was Saturday, Jan. 22 from the Swanson Funeral Home, corner of Rts. 29 and 118, Pikes Creek with the Rev. Jack Peters, former pastor of Sweet Valley Community Bible Church, officiatingt.

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**David Pollock** 

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David W. Pollock, 68, of Evergreen. Estates, Loyalville, died Thursday, Jan. 20 at the

Leader West Nursing Center, Kingston. Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy Pearn; son, Donald R. Pollock, Bowie, MD;

brothers, Robert Pollock, Statesville, NC; sister, Mrs. Florence Nicholson,



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Bill Roman, president of the Dallas Lions Club, has announced the following donations to District 14-H Lions Programs, \$36 each to the Leader Dog School, Sight Conservation and Eve Research. Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation and Hearing Conservation; \$50 to the Northeast Eye Bank and \$115 to provide a campership at Beacon Lodge. The donations are based on a suggested \$2 per member for each program.

Ther service club will observe its 33rd annual charter night, Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Castle Inn. The ladies night event will

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