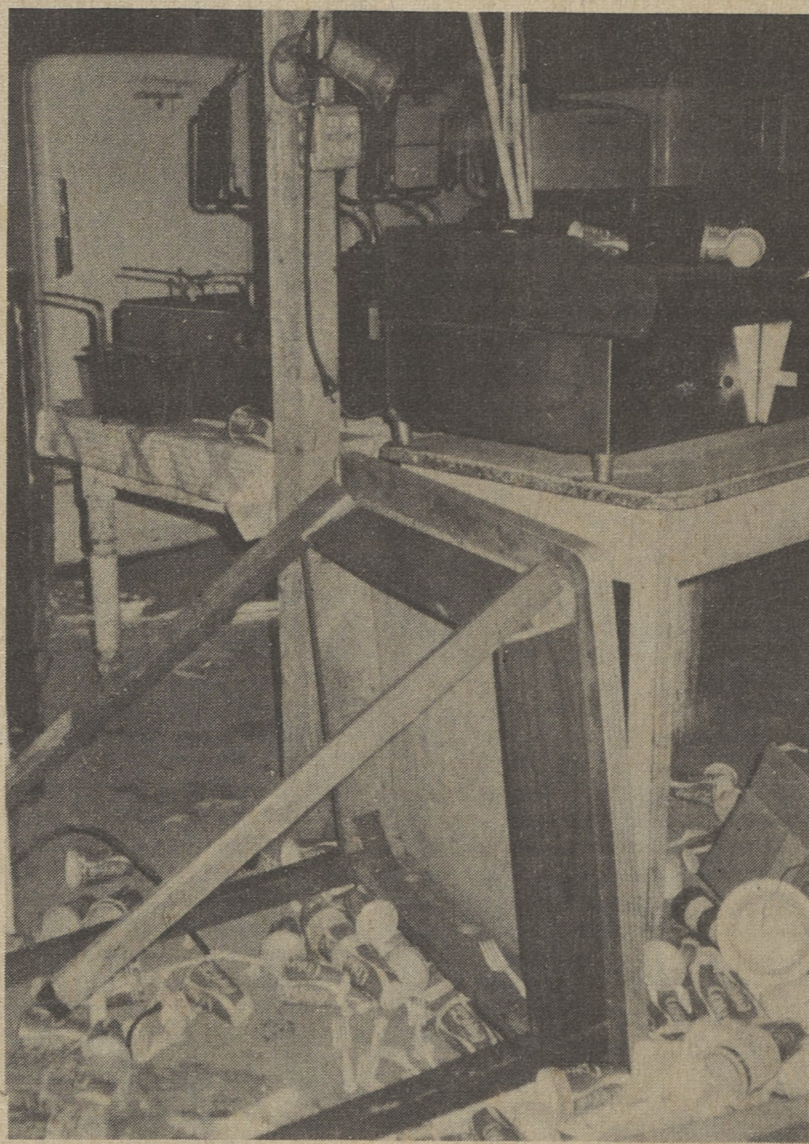




NOTHING LEFT UNDONE—Vandals managed to cut a path of destruction and havoc in all corners of the refreshment building. Equipment stored by the Dallas Fire Company and the Library Auction committee was shattered throughout and tossed out the door.



WHAT A MESS!—The refreshment building on the grounds of the Back Mountain Library was recently vandalized and left in shambles. The Library board was meeting on Tuesday, March 1 for a full report on the incident. Dallas Boro Police are investigating.

Vandals wreck library auction stand

The amount of damage and the mess was totally inexplicable to officials at the Back Mountain Library who discovered a vandalized refreshment booth last week. While physical damage to the building itself was not in evidence, its contents were found strewn about and furnishings overturned. In short, the place was a mess.

Library officials were informed of the problem by a girl walking in

the area on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Librarian William Frederick said the young lady reported trash and litter lying on the ground alongside the building. A check of the area revealed the litter to be supplies stored inside by the Library Auction committee.

Upon closer inspection, hundreds of paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, packets of sugar and other disposable products were found

lining the inside of the booth from one end to the other. Tables were overturned, appliances in disarray, and beer bottles (not the property of the committee), broken and shattered throughout the mess.

Officials reported the candy booth had also been entered, but damage there was not of the extent as the refreshment booth. Both the Auction Committee and the Dallas Fire Company stored items in the

buildings throughout the winter for use during their summer fund-raising events.

Dallas Borough police investigated the incident and patrolman John Fowler said they are questioning suspects at this time. He estimates the vandals gained entry by picking locks on the doors, as both buildings were kept well boarded up during the winter months. Also, he noted, there was no evidence of forced entry.

Dallas School Board

Lefko still uncommitted for primary

The closing date for candidates to file petitions for the primaries is March 8 but as late as last Friday, only one person's petition for Dallas School director was on file in the Election Bureau.

Shawn Murphy, Dallas School Board appointee, filed a petition last week indicating her intention to seek election to the board. A registered Republican, she cross-filed as a candidate on both the Republican and Democratic tickets.

A resident of Dallas for 16 years, Murphy was appointed to the board in December, 1981, and since that time has chaired the Personnel Committee. She is also a member of the board's teacher's negotiations committee.

Incumbent Ernest Ashbridge, Jr., a member of the board for 12 years, said he will seek re-election. A registered Republican, he will cross-file,

Ashbridge is vice president and controller of Hanover Bank of Pennsylvania, with his office in Wilkes-Barre. A longtime resident of Kingston Township, he is married to the former Betty Lewis. They have a son, Ernest III, employed at PP&L, Berwick, and a daughter, Robin, senior at College Misericordia. Both are graduates of Dallas High School.

Patricia Gregory, wife of District Justice Earl Gregory, Democrat, said she will seek a four-year term to the board. Like the others, Gregory will cross-file on both Republican and Democratic tickets. Appointed to the board in January, 1983, she resigned in November, 1981, after serving for 10 years. During that time she was chairman of the transportation committee. Since coming back on the board, Gregory chairs the cafeteria committee and is a

member of the transportation and policy committees.

Albert Pisaneschi of Kingston Township, appointed to the board to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late Col. William Dierolf, said that he also will seek re-election to the board for a four-year term.

A Republican, Pisaneschi will cross-file. He is married to the former Shirley Root and is retired from Roots Transfer Co., a family business.

Long interested in extracurricular activities of the Dallas School District, Pisaneschi volunteered his services in filming football, basketball and wrestling, as well as his property for practice sessions.

Incumbent Russell Havey, Demunds Road, Dallas, completing his fourth year on the board, said last Saturday, he will not seek re-election.

Incumbent, Harry Lefko, with 15

years tenure on the Dallas School Board, had not been contacted by press time. However, reports from several persons close to him said the Dallas resident had not stated whether he would run.

Several new names have been reported as planning to seek election to the board but have not yet committed themselves. Three persons names have been reported to the Post as joining the school board race.

These are John George, Memorial Highway, Dallas; Harry Sickler, Lehman Avenue, Dallas and Dick Morgan of Kingston Township.

George said that there were four or five other members of the district planning to run but he did not reveal names.

With the closing date for filing only a week away, other candidates will commit themselves throughout this week.

Fowler back on the job at beginner's pay

The question is, will Dallas Borough patrolman John Fowler receive reinstatement to his former salary, and if so, when will this happen? Fowler is presently working fulltime for the Dallas Police Department (with eight years experience and an admitted excellent record) at a beginner's salary of \$11,000. The salary is more than \$3,000 lower than what he earned last fall, when he left the job.

After finding himself unhappy in the security position he had accepted with the Veterans Hospital, Fowler applied for the unfilled vacancy on the Dallas Department. He had been gone a mere two months. Still, Fowler retook the Civil Service exam and received the highest grade of the 12 applicants. He was readily accepted back on the force by a vote of council on Jan. 25.

The problem is that Fowler was

hired back at a beginning patrolman's rate. Council did not opt to reinstate his former salary at the time of his rehiring, although it was within the board's power to do so. During the February meeting of Council, Jerry Machell moved that Fowler receive a salary reinstatement. The vote was negative, with only Machell and Harold Brobst in favor. Council chairman William Berti and members Nancy Eckert, Ken Young and Willard Newberry voted no. Dr. Craig Aicher was absent.

Machell admits he was surprised and a little hurt by the no votes. "John Fowler is an excellent cop," he said. "He was very straightforward and honest with us about his leaving. You cannot blame a person for trying to better himself. But he gave us plenty of notice and offered to work part-time and help out in any way he could during the transition."

Machell said he found out later

that Fowler would have done better to request a three month leave of absence. "But, we made a few mistakes. We weren't 100 percent sure of ourselves with civil service. It caused a lot of controversy."

To put a beginner in the position would have cost the borough approximately \$2,500 for training, uniforms and equipment. But, Machell said, Fowler came back ready to start right in. "He simply did not like the new job," Machell noted. "I didn't feel he should be punished forever. We took his vacation away; I thought that was enough."

When questioned on the subject Berti said he believes Fowler will be reinstated at his former rate, probably before the summer. His contention is that it was "just too soon." "He's a good cop," he said. "But you just don't reinstate him at full pay as soon as he comes back." Fowler himself consistently says

"No comment," to questions about his feelings on the matter.

Machell, on the other hand, is hoping that the policeman will stay long enough to see a reinstatement. "It's quite a cut for him. I don't see how he can manage. It must be very hard for him now."

Without a complete reinstatement, it could take Fowler years to regain his former salary. The most recent police increases averaged about \$1,000. Machell, however, is not certain the size of future increases will be as great. "We no longer have as much revenue sharing to depend upon. Money is getting tight, even for the borough which has been fairly careful about management. From year to year, you have to go on what you have."

Considering the rebuff he received with his initial motion, Machell admits he will not be quick to bring the matter up again, not unless he is more certain of a favorable acceptance.

Harveys Lake

Candidates lining up

Harveys Lake Democrats have prepared a slate of candidates to challenge the Republican majority on the borough council in the May primary. The Democrats have a sure five candidates with a sixth, Arnie West, considered a good possibility.

William Gallagher, an appointed incumbent, will seek his first full term on Council. He will be joined by Richard Boice, Ronald Edwards, Robert Maximovicz and David Forester.

The four Republican incumbents will also be on the May ballot. Gifford Cappellini, Frank Coulton, Margaret Purcell, and Richard Myers have committed themselves to running again. A fifth candidate is on the ticket as well. Francis

Kopko, a teacher at Dallas Area and member of the Republican Committee will join the four. The committee was still in the process of confirming another candidate at press time.

Of seven members of council, only Daniel Blaine does not have to run for re-election this year. The six upcoming vacancies include four separate four-year and two different two-year seats.

Presently council is made up of four Republicans (Coulton, Purcell, Cappellini and Myers); two Democrats (Gallagher and Blaine) and Bruce Anderson, a Republican who has allied himself with the opposite party on most occasions. Anderson said he is considering joining the race at this time.

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give their idea a try.

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Another item, which is new, is a reproduction of a child's drawing or writing. These make nice gifts at any time, especially for the grandparents.

Originally from South Africa, Colleen and her husband, Hans, moved to the Back Mountain four years ago. The Lankwardens have



PLAQUE DISPLAY—Lollie Larkins and Colleen Lankwarden display some of the plaques they have reproduced and sell in their business, L&L Creations, Inc. (Joan Kingsbury Photo)

process is complete the original document remains intact.

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two children, Michelle, who is in fifth grade and Clive, a second grader. Both children attend Lehman-Jackson Elementary School where Colleen is PTA membership chairman.

Lolly and her husband, David, live in Shavertown with their children, Melissa, a fourth grader and Dave, a second grader at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. The Larkins are originally from St. Louis. Lolly is a substitute teacher for several area schools.

L & L Creations will display their craft at the Newcomer's Craft Boutique, Saturday, March 19, at College Misericordia.

Auditors plan legal action

Jackson Township auditors have informed the board of supervisors of their intent to hire an attorney and take legal action on issues concerning the Audit Report for

revealed them to be "not proper and sincere."

The correspondence further stated all expenses incurred by the legal action shall be paid for by the supervisors through the general fund.

It was also reported supervisor Robert Hazeltine has been cleared of all charges and will not be included in any legal action. Such action is directed at Supervisors Walter Zincavage and Charles Cigarski.



GATHERING POINTS FOR BUCKS—Rotary Club of Dallas held a Basketball Shootout for the benefit of the Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Assoc. on Saturday, with approximately 25 children taking part. Participants solicited pledges from the community and had three minutes in which to chalk up a total of baskets. Unofficial estimates are that the club raised over \$1,000 for the Dallas Area alone. Rotary is also planning to host a Shootout for Lehman. Participants will receive shirts and trophies. Top money winner will be treated to a trip to Philadelphia 76'ers basketball game. Further results of Saturday's Shootout will be forthcoming in future editions of the Post. In the above photo, Frank Spencer takes his turn on the foul line. (Dan Walsh Photo)