

'Daffodil Days', Hope of Spring

Bright yellow bulbs will cover the community on Friday and Saturday, bringing a vision of long-awaited spring and new life.

"Daffodil Days" are here, and we all have the opportunity to bring the first flower of spring into our homes, our places of business and our lives. At the same time, the sale will help the American Cancer Society breathe life into patients afflicted with cancer. Area contributions to Daffodil Days are used for a variety of Cancer Society projects.

Daffodil Days will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, throughout the Back Mountain, Kingston, Wilkes-Barre and parts of Mountaintop. Pat Rosenthal of Newberry Estates is a member of the board of the American Cancer Society, Wyoming Valley Chapter. She is serving as chairman of the campaign for the second year. She

explained the society is anticipating an even greater response to the sale than in past years. "We ordered 100 boxes for this year's sale," she said. "Last year, we sold 75 boxes." Each box contains 50 bunches of bulbs, which are sold at \$3 per bunch.

A good number of the bulbs are sold in advance with pre-ordering taking place in banks, churches, restaurants, businesses and colleges. All local hospital auxiliaries, the Luzerne County Dental Auxiliary and the Luzerne County Medical Auxiliary have been actively involved in pre-sale orders. Several establishments purchased quantities to donate to nursing homes to brighten the lives of our elderly.

Area learning institutions such as College Misericordia, King's, Penn State, and Luzerne County Community College are selling the bulbs through campus service clubs. And

at Wyoming Seminary, both Upper and Lower Schools are conducting a sales competition among students, and according to Rosenthal, doing very well at it.

Daffodil Days has much local support and is normally a successful venture, explained Rosenthal. The sale of spring bulbs was originated by the Canadian Cancer Society and picked up by its American counterpart in 1970. The Erie County Unit in New York State was the first American Society to sponsor Daffodil Days. By 1972 and 1973, the event had spread to 52 New York units.

Nearly half the units in Pennsylvania participated in the first two Daffodil Days sales. More than a million flowers were sold in those two years. It is now considered the largest special event conducted throughout the state by the Cancer Society.

Daffodils were selected because the flower represents HOPE. The symbol is fitting, as it follows that each successful campaign provides more hope to cancer victims and society in general that further inroads will be found towards the treatment of the disease.

The Ladies of the Eastern Star in the Back Mountain will be helping with street sales of the flowers this weekend. Sales will be conducted from a number of convenient locations including the Old River Road Baker; Wyoming National Bank in Shavertown, United Penn Bank in Dallas, and Back Mountain Lumber Company.

Get a jump on spring and plan to stop by one of the locations to purchase your daffodils. Pick some up for a friend or loved one, make someone happy with flowers this weekend!



Pat Rosenthal, chairperson of this year's Daffodil Days campaign enjoys a breath of spring and thinks of the renewed hope a successful sale can mean to cancer patients. (Mark Moran Photo)

Taylor Hearing Scheduled For Friday

Preliminary hearing for Alva Frank Taylor, the 37 year old Beaumont man accused in the hit-and-run death of two Larksville youths last weekend is set for Friday, March 11 at 1 p.m. before District Justice Leonard Harvey in Dallas.

While the investigation continues, the issues surrounding the tragic accident loom large in the area. Appalling facts concerning alcohol motor vehicles come to light. For example, while the national average is 50 percent, in Dallas township, every automobile fatality in the last five years has been, in some way, linked to alcohol.

Taylor will face charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident and two counts of homicide by motor vehicle. He is presently remanded to Luzerne County prison in lieu of \$75,000 bail set by Harvey

during an arraignment.

Taylor was reportedly driving the truck which struck down Daniel Lorah, 10 and his sister Candy Jo, 7 as they attempted to cross Route 309 near Stapinsky's Drug Store last Friday evening. The children were said to have crossed in front of a line of cars waiting to make a left turn into the Dallas Village Shopping Center at 6:25 p.m. Witnesses reported Taylor cut around the line of waiting traffic and struck the children.

The pickup truck was said to stop briefly upon impact, but pulled away from the scene. A driver, identified by police as David Shoemaker of Ardmore, Pa. pursued Taylor for about a mile and a half on Route 309 and onto Upper Demunds Road where Taylor reportedly lost control of his truck and rammed into a dirt embankment. Police report Shoemaker parked his car behind the pickup to

hinder further flight. At this point, Dallas assistant fire chief, Thomas Doughton came upon the scene and within a short time, Taylor was arrested by Dallas Borough Police Officer Severn Newberry.

An intoximeter test, administered at Kingston Township registered a .19 blood alcohol count for Taylor. A person having .10 percent content is considered to be legally intoxicated in Pennsylvania. Also, it was noted, and area residents are well aware, the stretch of roadway where the children attempted the crossing is very dark and visibility along the sides of the highway almost nonexistent during the nighttime hours.

Involved in the investigation are a number of area law enforcement agencies including Pennsylvania State Police, Luzerne County District Attorney's Office, Luzerne County coroner's Office, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Kingston Township Police, Dallas

Fire and Ambulance, Kingston Township Ambulance and Trucksville Fire Department.

The investigation also involves the Liquor Control Board which is looking into violations of the state liquor code. The code states serving alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person is a misdemeanor subject to fines ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Taylor will be prosecuted under the terms of Pennsylvania's strict drunk-driving law which has been in effect since Jan. 14. The law is the product of much lobbying by groups such as Mother's Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), and is aimed at deterring incidents of this nature.

Funeral for the children, both students at the State Street School in Larksville, was held on Monday, from Williams Funeral Home, 114 W. Main St., Plymouth, with Rev. Weldon Hettesheiner pastor, Larksville Mountain Full Gospel Church officiating. Interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Doughton Honored By Local JayCeers

Dallas Township man, Thomas Doughton was recently presented with a plaque honoring his nomination as "Outstanding Young Firefighter" by the Back Mountain JayCeers.

Doughton was named by the local club to participate in state competition. The group chose the Dallas fireman as their nominee for the "Outstanding Young Man of the Year." Such a man must be between 18 and 35 years of age and may fall into a variety of categories, fireman being one. There are a total of 350 statewide chapters which can present nominations in one of the several categories.

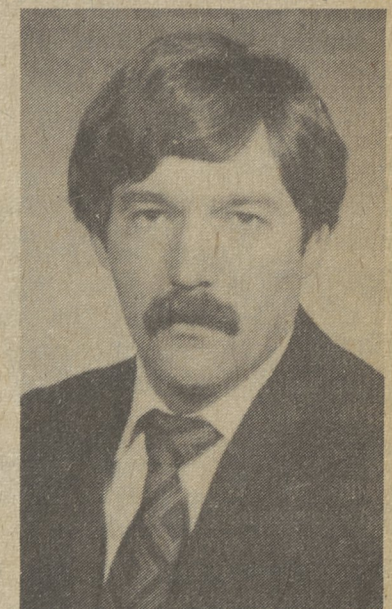
Doughton is employed as an engineer by Smith, Miller and Associates. He lives on Upper Demunds road with his wife, Linda and two sons, Ryan, 5 and Scott, almost one.

Robert Popielarz, president of the Back Mountain JayCeers explained participation in the statewide competition is voluntary. Doughton was nominated for his length of time and quality of service to the Dallas Fire and Ambulance company. He has served 13 years with the company, being assistant chief for seven and a member of the board of directors.

Participation in the competition is only one of a number of projects which have combined to give the Back Mountain JayCeers a placement of 45th in the state for the third

quarter. (The JayCeers year goes from May to May). Individual clubs receive points for various projects and services, both to the community and to their members.

Throughout the year, Back Mountain JayCeers have worked with the Back Mountain Library Auction, the Luzerne County Fall



Thomas Doughton

Fair and sponsored a Thanksgiving Supermarket Give Away using the proceeds to take disadvantaged children on a Christmas Shopping Spree. The JayCeers also hold Leadership Training Sessions for club members and are planning a fund-raising auction for April.

Hartman Agency Cleared in Complaint

It appears that Ned Hartman Insurance Agency, 42nd Street, Oak Hill, is not in violation of Lehman Twp. Zoning ordinances and this fact will be made known at the March 14 meeting of the zoning board.

Jim Vowell, zoning officer for the township, said a complete check through his files indicates all permits for the family-run business are in order. Vowell will present a written report to the board at the upcoming meeting to address specific complaints made by persons who live in the Oak Hill section of the township.

Complainants questioned the carport enclosure from which

Hartman presently conducts business. They further questioned the legality of the parking situation, saying customers parked vehicles on the street, making travel on the throughway difficult. A question of the number of employees working at the agency was also brought up.

Vowell said all permits for the carport enclosure are in order and Hartman is completely within his legal right to use that space as an office. A check with the State Police cleared up the parking matter, since drivers cannot be stopped from parking on a street, as long as enough room is left for passing motorists to get through. Vowell

said, however, Hartman has agreed to speak to his customers about their parking habits.

Vowell said there remains a question of the number of employees working in the family-run concern. However, he believes it to be within the regulations. According to a code, a family business may hire one outside person. Hartman presently has two women, working on a part-time basis, sharing a single job. Along with the secretarial help, Hartman's son and daughter are also employed.

Fritz Chamberlain, chairman of the zoning board, explained the matter was brought up during the February meeting and Vowell was

asked to clarify things. "It was not an attempt to cause additional trouble for anyone," he said. "We're not here to run anyone out of town. We only want to see that regulations are maintained."

On that point, at least, Vowell said he is assured that everything is in order.

Hartman said if anything, his business is smaller now than it has previously been. "We've been in business here for 17 years and have yet to run into a problem like this," he said. He added that he was surprised to find out a problem existed. He noted he was unaware of anything until Vowell called him after the meeting.



THE EASY WAY—Jeff Condiff of Harveys Lake and his buddies were caught riding their bicycles last Sunday morning. Jeff was saving "leg power" by using his mini-

bike to get around. Jeff and his friends are 6th and 7th grade students at Lake-Lehman. (Jayne Bradbury Photo)

Benefit Concert at Dallas Features Russ Paulsen Band

Dallas Area students will have an opportunity on Friday to enjoy some good music and donate money for the benefit of former classmate and heart transplant patient Bradley Bullock.

"The Russ Paulsen Band" will entertain at Friday afternoon's assembly and the concert, is dedicated to raising money for Bradley.

Russ Paulsen, leader of the musical group, said he thought of the idea in an attempt to help his friend out. Paulsen's group plays and records soft, contemporary music. Most of the members are local musicians.

Bullock, who is presently at home in Dallas, was the second heart transplant patient at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York. He received his new heart on April 15 and started a long and arduous trek toward recovery, fraught with ups and downs over the months.

Still not totally out of the woods, he continues to require stringent maintenance and care.

Bullock, 19, is a graduate of Dallas High School. He is the son of Robert Bullock and Barbara Schall, both of Dallas. At the time of his surgery, Bradley Bullock Heart

Fund was set up to raise funds to help with medical and living expenses. This fund remains in existence, although fund raising events have not been ongoing.

The Back Mountain Music Store is sponsoring Friday's concert and supplying equipment for the band.

Band Barbeque Planned for Saturday

Once again it is time for the annual spring "All You Can Eat Bar-B-Que" sponsored by the Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors.

The Bar-B-Que will be held Saturday, March 12, in the high school cafeteria. Serving will be

from 4-7 p.m. Tickets may be obtained at the door or from any band member.

This year there will also be a bake sale available during the Bar-B-Que.