

Back Mountain News Briefs

At the annual reorganization meeting of the board of directors of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. (CTE) Chairman of the board Andrew J. Sordoni, III reported first quarter 1983 earnings per share of \$1.01, compared to \$.60 for the first quarter of 1982.

CTE's total revenues and sales in the first quarter of 1983 were \$23,640,000, reflecting an improvement of 19.9 percent over total revenues and sales of \$19,723,000 in the first quarter of 1982.

The board of directors authorized a cash dividend of \$.35 per common share payable May 25 to shareholders of record on May 11.

William B. Sordoni was appointed Vice Chairman by unanimous action of the board. He is President and Chief Executive Officer of Sterling Industrial Corp. in Forty Fort.

Because of declining bond interest rates, Luzerne County and its investment banker are studying the feasibility of refunding the county's 1982 \$7,000,000 prison bond issue.

J.M. Revie & Co. and First Eastern Bank are serving as investment bankers for this refunding.

Budget Director Tom Lavin, Chief Clerk P.J. Clarke and Solicitor Ralph J. Johnston have been instructed by the commissioners to work closely with the investment banker so that their analysis can be quickly completed and, if justified, the new bonds issued before interest rates start rising again. Presently, rates are at their lowest point in three years and are expected to start upward by late summer.

The bond issue is part of an \$11,000,000 prison renovation project and the initial stages of the construction have begun. Major construction will start this summer and is expected to take two years.

The Dallas Township Meeting, normally held on the third Tuesday, will be postponed this month until Wednesday, May 18 due to the primary elections. The Board of Supervisors will meet at 7 p.m. and the Zoning and Hearing Board will meet at 7:30 p.m.

The new secretary in District Magistrate Leonard Harvey's office is Bernadette Banta of Dallas who was formerly with H & R Block. She will be temporarily assisting Joyce Culver with the secretarial duties for the period of time that Mary Pikul is out on maternity leave.

Political signs are apparently growing in importance in this final week before the primary elections. Some have been spray painted black and others torn down while countless others are piggybacked on another candidate's sign. And for a new twist - lists are being kept of which citizens and particularly teachers have certain Dallas School Board candidate's signs on their cars or front lawns.

Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers has just returned from a week long tour of duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with the 109th U.S. Army Reserves where he serves as First Sergeant.



INSTALLATION DINNER: The Back Mountain Jay-Cettes recently held their annual Installation and Awards Dinner. Installation of the 1983-84 Board was as follows: Lois Townsend, president; Connie LaJeunesse, vice president; Rose Burleigh, secretary; Debbie Bayer, treasurer; Tina Urban, Mary Jo Shisko, Gail Bottoms, directors. Outgoing president Carol Honko conducted the ceremony. Service awards were presented to the outgoing officers which included president Carol Honko, internal vice president Lois Townsend, external vice president Mary Shisko, treasurer Karen Tupper, secretary Karen Berlew and directors Arlene Jones, Connie LaJeunesse, Millie Brody and Tina Urban. The Jay-Cettes are an organization of young women active in community service and personal growth. They are sponsors of a number of well-known Back Mountain projects such as the art, craft and hobby tent of the Luzerne County Fair and pictures with SDanta. (Mark Moran photo)

Ladies Auxiliary of the Jackson Twp. Fire Company will meet at the fire hall on Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m. Hostesses are Mrs. Hazel Fielding, Mrs. Arlene Skellett, and Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower. New members are welcome.

Louise Lameraux, Lois Kittle, and Jeanette Gimble recently spent a day at Berwick where they enjoyed a day of shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lomax, of Lexington, N.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bartolacci of Stone Mt., Ga., have returned home after spending a week with Mrs. Esther Murray, of Shady Rill Rd. Mrs. Lomax is the former Elda Murray and Mrs. Bartolacci is the former Naomi Murray.

Election Day, May 17, the Ladies Auxiliary will sell refreshments at the Firehall, Chase Rd. and also have a bake table. Baked goods would be appreciated.



BLOOD DRIVE: Seventy-five pints of blood were donated to the American Red Cross at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Campus spring blood drive held at Hayfield House on the Lehman campus. The event was sponsored by the Veterans Club, the Circle K Club, and Student Activities, and donors included Penn State faculty, staff and students and Back Mountain residents.

Shown are, from left, Cathy Levenduski, American Red Cross staff nurse; Elissa Sherman, Red Cross acting head nurse; Jim DeWolfe and Bill Culver, engineering students from Tunkhannock; Carol Schmig, Red Cross volunteer coordinator; and Bruce Griffiths, engineering student from Trucksville. Others who coordinated the blood drive were: Chuck Sheaffer, Vets Club president; Mary Rita Gayz, Circle K president.

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Deaths

Allen Wilson

Allen "Torchy" Wilson, 81, of Noxen, died Wednesday, May 5 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Dallas Twp., he was a son of the late Alexander and Mary Durland Wilson.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marion Sutton; sons, Lee Allen Jr., Alexander and Rickie, all of Noxen; John T., Falls; sister, Mrs. Leona Belles, Philadelphia; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral was Saturday, May 7 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home. Interment was in Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen.

John F. Wardell, 76, of White Birch Village, Dallas, dies Tuesday, May 3, at Leader West Nursing Home, Kingston, following an illness.

Surviving are his wife,

the former Dorothy Knott, formerly of Hazleton; sons, John B., of Tokyo, Japan, and Thomas L., Suffield, Conn.; sister, Mrs. A.B. Elster, Fort Wayne, Ind.; grandchildren, Lisa and David Wardell, Japan; Jennifer and Elizabeth Wardell, Conn.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 7 from the Harold C. Snowden Funeral Home. Rev. Thomas A. Clemow, pastor of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, officiated.

Entombment in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

Harold J. Rose

Harold J. Rose, Sr., 70, Valley View Trailer Park, Dallas, died Monday, May 2.

Surviving are his wife, the former Laura Pollock; a son, Harold, Jr., Harveys Lake, President of Wyoming National Bank; daughters, Mrs. Janice Durbin, Rochester, Minn.; Mrs. Penelope Lutz, Hyde Park, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held Thursday, May 5 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home. Rev. A. James Cara, pastor of Bennett Presbyterian Church, officiated. Interment was in Denison Cemetery.

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