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THE EARL AND HIS LADY: During a recent holiday in Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Whalen, Luzerne Ave., Dallas, ruled as Earl and Lady at a medieval banquet in fifteenth century Bunnally Castle, a short distance from Shannon International Airport. Banquets are held nightly throughout the year and guests are invited to join the Shannon Castle entertainers for an evening of feasting and merrymaking in the ancient fortress.

A Better Idea

They Can Work It Out

BY JANE BOLGER

Underage drinking is a growing problem recognized not only here in the Back Mountain where a panel discussion was held at the Dallas Senior High School, but also by the State Senate. Two Senate Bills are currently being sponsored, the first would fine teenage drinkers a minimum of \$300 for a first offense. The second bill would allow sentencing of youths to work in their own local municipality or school district under the direction of the court.

The first bill, which increases the fine to \$500 for a second offense, has been widely hailed and received a great deal of publicity. The second bill SB535 has never come out for a veto and is known as a "sleeper" except in certain judicial circles where it is considered a far more constructive solution to curbing teenage drinking.

The principle is simple, according to Magistrate Earl Gregory who was questioned on his feelings on the two bills. "If I fine a kid \$300 and his mother and father pay, it doesn't accomplish anything. The

offender doesn't learn a thing," he stated. "Justice and money don't have anything in common," he continued stating further "I'd rather see the one who threw the beer cans along the road pick them up and mow the grass too, while he's at it."

Other magistrates have had similar ideas over the years and have sentenced teenage offenders to such jobs as weeding along the highway, fixing broken windows in schools, working on township road crews, washing fire engines and police cars, shoveling snow and just about any other job that was needed. The personal involvement, the public exposure and the job training aspects of this approach were judged to be excellent. But, unfortunately magistrates do not actually have the authority to sentence teenage offenders to personally work off their offenses.

The Senate Bill would solve that problem, it would leave it up to the discretion of the local judiciary to sentence offenders to "public service projects under the supervision of any municipality within the judi-

ciary district," explained Gregory. "In addition the municipality would not be liable to the offender under Workmans Compensation laws." This bill would also cover sentencing for other minor, non-criminal offenses in addition to underage drinking.

Under that aspect of the bill, a youth convicted of Criminal Mischief could be sentenced to physically repair the damage he had caused. Someone found guilty of retail theft could also be sentenced to actually work for the store owner or a speeder could work at the police station or with an ambulance crew.

"Most kids have no income," Gregory stated. "If a person isn't working, he can't make the payment. This is a good alternative." Most parents questioned felt exactly the same way, that they'd rather see their kids working off their sentences. One mother said, "They'd think twice about drinking again if all their friends saw them washing windows at school."

Candidates Clash in Court

The two Back Mountain candidates for the office of District Magistrate, Leonard Harvey and Richard Tattersall, nearly met under rather unusual circumstances in the court room of District 3-8 last Thursday. Had candidate Tattersall appeared as scheduled he would have been the defendant in a case being heard by the incumbent Magistrate Harvey.

Charges against Tattersall, a Harveys Lake resident, for failure to file earned income tax returns for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981 had been filed April 16 by Berkheimer Associates. Tattersall did not

request a change of venue so that his case would not be heard by his political opponent but did request a continuance.

In a Mail-O-Gram sent to Magistrate Harvey from Tattersall's Neptune Chapel in Hunlock Creek, he requested to have the hearing postponed until after the election, stating in part "I personally feel you've got enough coverage out of this one case." The request for continuance was denied by Magistrate Harvey on the grounds that it was not a legitimate excuse.

Magistrate Harvey and Berkheimer Field Auditor William J. Krav-

itz waited a full hour beyond the 10 a.m. hearing time. Prior to that time Tattersall had called Harvey's home and told his wife that he would be late because he had to go to the hospital.

After checking local hospitals and finding Tattersall had not been admitted, Magistrate Harvey ruled that Tattersall was in default of appearance and awarded the case to Berkheimer. The fine for this offense may be set up to a maximum of \$500. A warrant was issued for Tattersall's arrest and given to a local constable to be served.

Dougherty Attends Seminar

Sharon Dougherty, a sophomore at Dallas Senior High School recently attended the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Seminar in Lancaster, from April 7 through April 10.

Sharon was chosen by sophomore teachers to represent Dallas Senior High School. She was chosen based on the criteria of leadership ability, sensitivity to others, desire for knowledge and ability to relate to new and different experiences.

Sharon had the opportunity to visit the capitol in Harrisburg and also to tour Three Mile Island. During the course of the seminar, Sharon had the opportunity to listen to various speakers and to participate in different discussion groups.



HUGH O'BRIEN REPRESENTIVE: Edgar Hughes, Dallas High School principal, Sharon Dougherty and Pam Hargas, Dallas Guidance Counselor are shown following the sophomore student's return from the Hugh O'Brien Seminar in Harrisburg. (Dan Walsh Photo)



"RIDE TO STOP CANCER" RAISES \$7,300

Twelve-year old Bob Adams of Truckville was one of 150 bike riders who completed the 25-mile Back Mountain route in the recent "Ride to Stop Cancer." The fourth annual ride, held to raise much needed funds for the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society, raised over \$7,300 in pledges and far eclipsed last year's total of about \$4,000 raised. Participating in his first ride, the Dallas Intermediate sixth grade student played a crucial role in the ride's success by receiving numerous pledges from family, friends and neighbors. He's already looking forward to riding in next year's event.

Free Store

Lake-Lehman Education Association will conduct its second Free Store for students, parents and other residents of the Lake-Lehman School District. The faculty collected clothing, toys and miscellaneous articles, processed them and will display them in the multipurpose room of the Lake-Lehman Junior High School for shoppers to select free of charge. The Free Store will open at 5 p.m. and close at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 26.

Concert Friday

The Dallas Junior High Band will perform a public concert, without charge, Friday evening, May 20, in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Sixty-five musicians will play under the theme "Infinite Variety In Music," from "Overture 1812," through selections from "Music Man" to "Chariots of Fire," plus Latin, folk, concert rock, and martial music. A well-known soloist will make a special guest appearance.

It's The Law

In order to prevent the possibility of disaster and heartbreak, the Dallas Post reminds parents, teens and friends across the Back Mountain that a life is a tragic thing to waste. Our graduates are just beginning to take their place in this world. Let's insure that they have the chance. Let us not forget in the excitement of prom and graduation time, that our youth are still just that—youth. They are neither legally old enough nor mature enough to handle alcohol.

Prevent a tragedy! Ignorance of the law is no defense! Any person over the age of 21 who furnishes a minor with alcoholic beverages or who misrepresents a minor to be of legal age for the purpose of obtaining alcoholic beverages is subject to arrest and conviction under the provisions of the Crimes Code and the Liquor Code. By obeying the law, we can insure a safe and happy end of the school year for our children. And, we can insure that they will have the best chance at beginning their adult years.

Bdaric Hearing Set

A hearing will be held Thursday, May 19 for John Bdaric of Bunker Hill who has repeatedly been accused of operating an illegal dumping ground in the area. An irate group of Kingston Twp. citizens who have been protesting Bdaric's operation for several months is expected to attend.

Bdaric is charged with Violation of Permitted Uses In A Conserva-

tion Area and Storage of Demolition Materials and the Dumping Thereof in an Agricultural Area. The two summary offense charges were filed by Kingston Twp. Zoning Officer John Dana before Magistrate Earl Gregory who will hear the case. Another 32 charges against Bdaric expected to be filed by the Department of Environmental Resources since last October have not been filed to date.

KT Home Burglarized

Over \$20,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from a Kingston Twp. home this week when burglars broke a window to gain entry into the residence of Kathleen Pacewicz, Box 222, RD 3, Wyoming. The robbery took place in the middle of the afternoon while Mrs. Pacewicz was away for a short period of time.

In addition to numerous diamonds, gold and wedgewood pieces of jewelry, the burglars also stole a Smith and Wesson 22 caliber western revolver and a set of sterling silver. Kingston Twp. Police Chief Paul Sabol reports that police are presenting investigating several leads in the case.

Pickup Truck Stolen

The theft of a pickup truck from the parking lot at Sam's Villa on the Tunkhannock Highway is under investigation by Dallas Township Police. The 1978 dark brown with cream striping Ford truck is owned by Roy Martin, RD 1, Dallas. The original investigation was made by patrolman John Appel.

Another truck, a 1979 Chevrolet model owned by John Gosart, Overbrook Avenue, Dallas was reported

vandalized. The windshield of the vehicle was shot out with a BB gun while the truck was parked overnight.

An AM-FM Panasonic cassette and radio, valued at \$300, was reported stolen from College Misericordia. Dallas Twp. Police report the equipment had been locked in a closet room at some unknown prior date and was not discovered missing until last week.

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