



Tree falls

A UGI employee works to restore power to residents of Upper Demunds Road, Dallas, Friday morning. The tree, which was felled by last Thursday's rain and wind storm, crashed into the pole, dislodging power lines.

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GILBERT TOUGH

Seminar set

Four nationally prominent health care experts, whose professional backgrounds evolve around today's vast changes in costly medical technology, are among the featured speakers at the Seventh Annual Pocono Conferences on Health Care, Oct. 27, at The Woodlands.

The all-day symposium, sponsored each fall by Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Blue Shield, will address the theme, "Advances in Medical Technology - Whose Decides?"

More than 400 persons from northeastern Pennsylvania and other regions of the state are expected to attend. Invitations have been extended to chief executive officers, board chairmen and medical staff representatives of regional hospitals, area Health System Agency officials and board members, Blue Cross directors and Advisory Board members. Others in attendance will include leaders of health care service organizations and high-level officials representing business, industry, education, government and labor in the northeastern Pennsylvania community.

Gilbert D. Tough, of Lehman, president and chief executive officer of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, noted that "this year's (seventh annual) Conference explores a wider dimension of the effects of today's complex health care delivery system, and how it costs are impacting on the community."



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Helen fears nothing!

Helen Maher, school nurse at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School, proves she has no fear of snakes as she participated in a school assembly on Oct. 6. School children were treated to a program featuring Clyde Pealing's Reptiland. The program was sponsored by the Lake-Noxen PTA.

Churches get new pastor

Rev. Michael Shambora will begin serving the Lehman, Idetown and Jackson United Methodist Churches at Sunday, Oct. 23.

Services are as follows: Jackson - 8:45 a.m.; Idetown - 10 a.m.; and Lehman, 11:15 a.m.

A native of Nanticoke, Rev. Shambora enlisted in the United States Navy in 1964 and served three tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the Presidential Citation and three Vietnam Campaign medals.

He was formerly an Associate Pastor of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Brownstown, Pa. and also pastored Gethsemane Presbyterian Chapel, Lancaster.

He and his wife, Deborah, have two children, Michael, age 5; and Doris Dawn, age 7.



REV. MICHAEL SHAMBORA

4-H winners are listed

Eight Luzerne County 4-H members received awards in the State 4-H Horse Show held Oct. 7-9 in Harrisburg State Farm Show Complex.

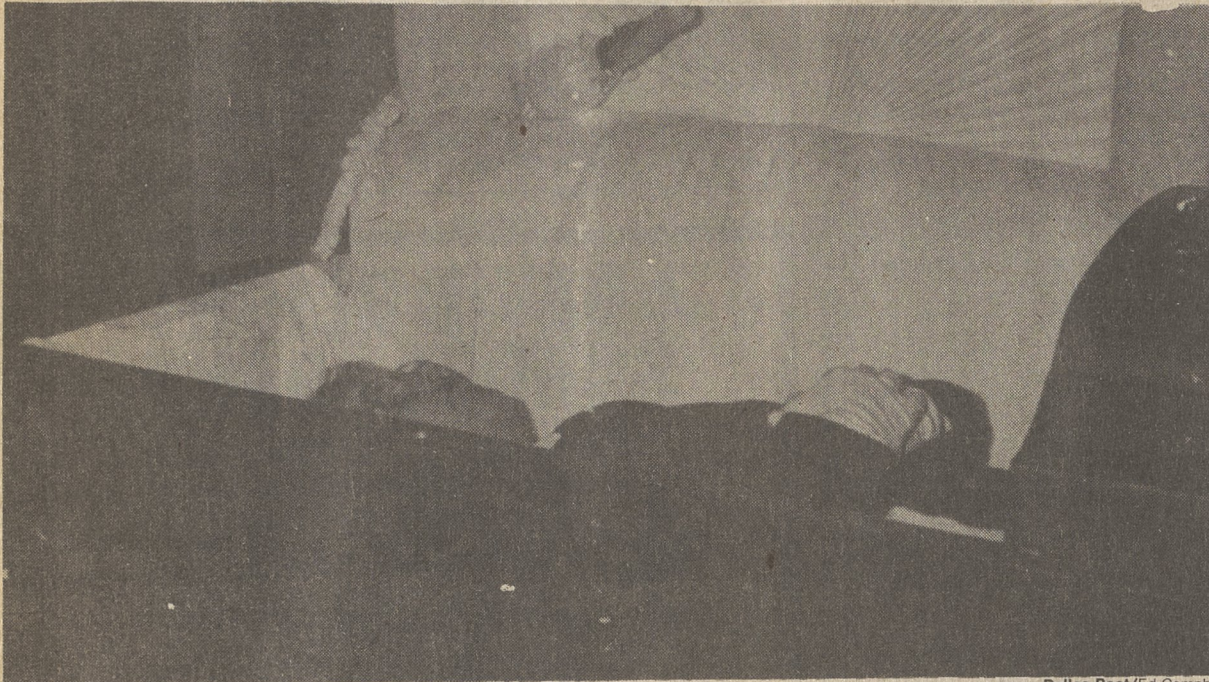
More than 500 contestants from most counties vied for awards. Members and their horses, all winners in county and district competition, were entered in 63 production classes and 31 performance classes.

County winners and their placings in performance classes were: Nicole Strauser, Dallas, 1st place Working Hunter Horses; Beth Finn, Dallas, 1st place Working Hunter Ponies; Terri Moss, West Pittston, 7th place Pony Driving; Marcy Brown, Dallas, 3rd place Cloverleaf

Barrels; and Mary Strittmatter, Mountaintop, 5th place Hunter Seat Equitation, Sr. Division.

In 4-H Horse production classes, local winners were: Christy Campbell, Hunlock Creek, 1st place Quarter Horse, 2 year old colt; Terry Donnelly, Wapwallopen, 1st place Quarter Horse yearling gelding; and Joe Donnelly, Wapwallopen, 2nd place Quarter Horse Filly '83.

Several other horse club members also competed in the state contest and received participation ribbons. They were: Michelle Wolfe, Mountaintop; Amy Honeywell, Hunlock Creek; Andrea Lanning, Hunlock Creek; Catherine Yanchunas, Glen Summit; Dene Stull, Dallas; Kris Eley, Luzerne; Chris McLaughlin, Dallas and Daria Lipinski, Wilkes-Barre.



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Is he or isn't he?

Pat Plas isn't really dead, but he certainly appears to be as he creates a scene for "Operation Nightmare" held last weekend. Plas was one of several participants in the program which featured Mike Calhoun of Atlanta, Georgia, one of the nation's leading youth speakers.

Adam

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would be if there was an eyewitness to a kidnapping or abduction and it was believed that a juvenile or adult was in danger."

"In either case," he stated, "a regional missing person report could be out in 20 minutes by phone to an area covering 11 counties and in 12 hours it would go statewide. Twenty four hours after the person was last seen, the missing person's name would be officially entered with N.C.I.C. (National Criminal Identification Center).

"In Dallas, there are an average of eight missing persons reported each year," said Miers. "So far everyone has been found," he stated, adding "there is a difference between lost children, who are usually found in an hour or two, and teen-age runaways. We have found runaways as far away as California and as close as Wilkes-Barre - the longest took a month and a half."

"The usual procedure with runa-

ways," Miers explained, "is to check hangouts and their friends because there is usually a friend helping them."

Maintaining good communications with your kids so they don't just take off is the preventative advice the police chief had to offer.

An effort to protect young children was begun locally last spring when Chief Miers spent a week at the Dallas Township Elementary School fingerprinting the students. This project, suggested by the P.T.O. and organized by President Kathy Jesse, will be continued during this school year to include children transferred from the former Dallas Borough School and has also been requested by the Nursery School at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

"Parental permission is necessary to fingerprint a child," Miers explained. "A copy of the fingerprints is then sent home to maintain

where it should be placed in a safe deposit box or with important papers in a fireproof box. Fingerprints are not going to help find a child," he continued, "but a particular place can be dusted to see if they have been there."

"Fingerprints can also be used to identify a decomposed body," he said and continued with another example.

"Say, New York authorities went into a joint in Greenwich Village and were not satisfied that everyone was who they said they were. A missing juvenile could be found that way. You don't have to physically have the fingerprints to compare them; you can score letters and numerical designations in a 10-digit code on a computer."

Preventative advice offered by the police chief to parents of young children was "tell them to stay in the back yard or tell you where they are going; not to play alone or in

secluded places; stay out in the open; don't talk to strangers or accept rides in cars; report anything strange to adults."

It appears so far that there have been no serious incidents in this area and that there are caring people working hard to keep our children safe in the hope that the tale of "Adam", the little boy who will never come home again, will not happen here.

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