

# Happy Thanksgiving

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### Just in time

Dallas High School quarterback Bernie Walsh barely gets a pass off before falling to the hands of Marty Onzik, Lake-Lehman tackle. The Mountaineers shut out the Black Knights, 16-0, last Saturday, earning the right to return the Old Shoe to their trophy case. (Story, additional photos, page 11.)

## Medical Center to open

By DOTTY MARTIN  
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The Mercy Medical Center at Dallas, a subsidiary of Wilkes-Barre's Mercy Hospital, is scheduled to open in January, 1984, and will bring full-time hospital services closer to the people of the Back Mountain.

Upon completion, the center will become the second of its kind in the Back Mountain Area, as the Back Mountain Medical Center on Route 118 in Lehman operated by Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston also offers medical services.

Located near the entrance to College Misericordia in Dallas, the center will house the medical offices of three physicians, and such ancillary services as x-ray, physical therapy and laboratory.

Dr. Harry Gallagher, a general practitioner, Dr. Clinton Lehman, an internist, and Dr. Vincent Carboni, a pediatrician, will all conduct office hours in the 5400-square foot building, but will work independently of Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Gallagher and Dr. Lehman, both Back Mountain physicians, will relinquish their current office locations to move to the Medical Center upon its completion while Dr. Carboni, who is also an allergist, is relocating to the Back Mountain from the Philadelphia area.

According to Joseph Grilli, vice president of Planning and Development at Mercy Hospital, the Wilkes-Barre medical institution conducted a study of the Back Mountain area and found a need for moderate outpatient services. He also explained that at the time the study was conducted last spring, there were no pediatricians in the Back Mountain Area.

Grilli said the location of the Medical Center was chosen because of its closeness to both College Misericordia and the Meadows Apartments and Nursing Center.

Although the three physicians will be conducting their own office hours, Grilli said the other services (See MEDICAL, page 8)

## Back Mountain people remember Bobby Adams

By JANE C. BOLGER  
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Bobby Adams, the boy from Trucksville who so many Dallas Post readers remembered with cards and letters as he awaited surgery, has had his first operation and it was successful. Thirteen-year-old Bobby had his right leg operated on last Monday in Shriners Hospital, Philadelphia but a planned operation on his left leg was postponed after the youngster required six pints of blood platelets for clotting.

Bobby is still in a lot of pain and is wearing a total long leg cast that extends to the groin area. Despite that, however, he has recaptured his wonderful sense of humor that

he is famous for in the Back Mountain. His mom reports he is now off intravenous and is once again propped up reading each and every card he has received and trying to remember if he has met the people who are wishing him well. Bobby is a confirmed people lover and wants to know everyone.

Bobby is also entertaining thoughts of water skiing, horseback riding and hunting after his other leg is operated on. He hopes that will be next week. Just prior to his operation he did get another chance to ride his famous purple bike which his parents Carol and Gerry Adams brought down to the hospital as Bobby requested.

Hospital regulations did not allow Bobby to ride up and down the halls (See BOBBY, page 8)

### Believe it!

An 11-year-old Dallas girl complained to her mother because her 19-year-old sister's apartment was not "stocked with the necessities." Seems the older girl cut her finger with a steak knife and did not have a Band-Aid in the house.

At least one person in the Back Mountain has prominently displayed in his office the cover of Commonwealth Telephone Company's new business flyers which he believes proclaim him "Pure Genius" with "Sheer Inspiration."

"Ducklings, goslings and chicks younger than four weeks old, dyed or otherwise colored artificially, cannot be offered for sale or raffled as prizes" under penalty of a \$10 fine, according to one of the oldest ordinances in the books in Kingston Township.

## No arrests in fatality

By JANE C. BOLGER  
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No arrests have been made in connection with the fatal death of 56-year-old Betty Britt last Wednesday afternoon on Route 309. Mrs. Britt was a passenger in a gray 1983 Chrysler LeBaron driven by her husband Edwin Britt, 70, of RD 3, Hunlock Creek.

Dallas Borough Police report the Britt vehicle was crossing Route 309 from Stapinski's Drug Store in the Dallas Village Shopping Center to Jedidia's Restaurant when the accident occurred. Their car was struck broadside by a red and cream 1972 Scout International driven by Janice Tracewski, 25, of Box 95, Harveys Lake which was traveling north on Route 309.

The accident occurred at 2:09 p.m. and Mrs. Britt was pronounced dead at the scene at 2:30 by Luzerne County Deputy Coroner Joseph Shaver and Deputy Coroner Richard Disque of Dallas. The drivers of both vehicles were transported to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in the Dallas Ambulance.

Ms. Tracewski was treated and released, while Britt was hospitalized and listed in stable condition. Both vehicles spun around from the force of the impact with the Britt



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### Their last days

These turkeys, owned by James Cook Sr., of Lehman, are huddling together prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The birds, beautiful in themselves, provide us with some delicious Thanksgiving meals.

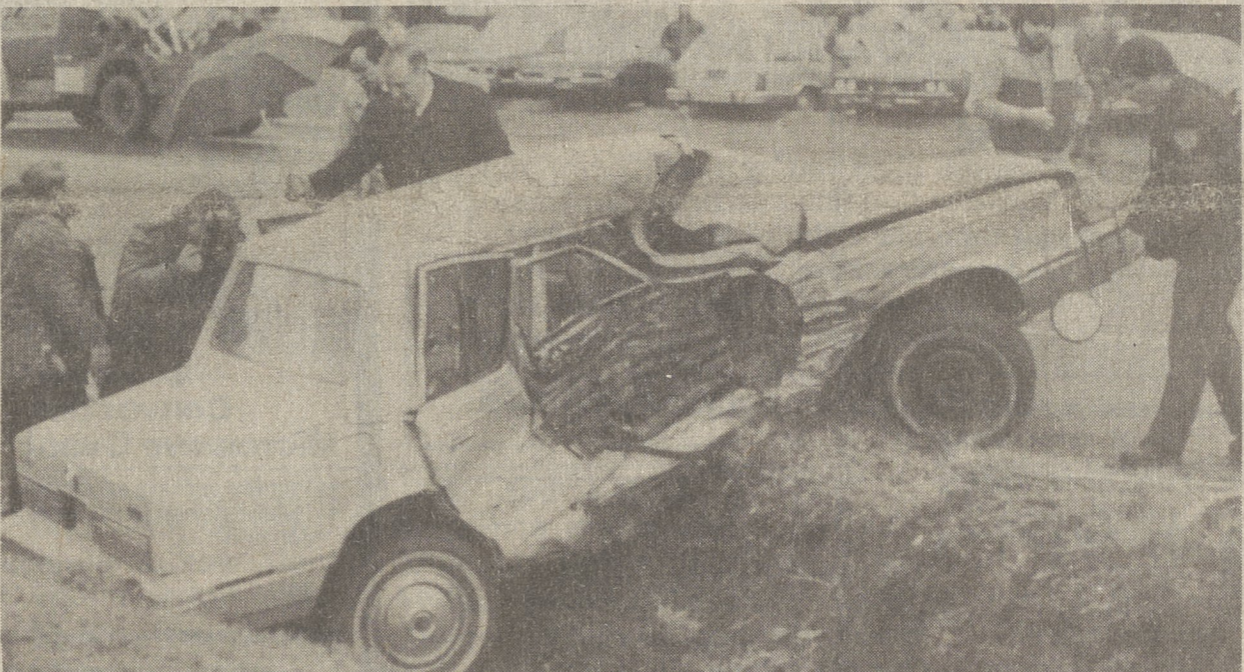
vehicle backed down into a culvert in the northbound lane while the Scout came to rest in the southbound lane of Route 309.

Ironically, the scene of the accident was at the same location where Candy Jo and Daniel Lorah were

killed last March while walking across the road. The jury in the trial of Alva Taylor who was charged with that double fatality had visited the same accident scene just two days before this fatality.

Dallas Borough Patrolman James

Tupper investigated the Britt accident assisted by Dallas Township Patrolman John Appel and Kingston Township Patrolman Joseph Bren and Patrolman Robert Stitzer of the B.C.I., State Police, Wyoming Barracks.



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### Car where Mrs. Britt died

The 1983 Chrysler LeBaron, in which Mrs. Betty Britt of Hunlock Creek was a passenger, spun around and landed on the opposite side of Route 309 after receiving extensive damage to the passenger's side. Here, State Trooper Bob Stitzer, Wyoming BCI, photographs the back seat of the Britt vehicle, where Mrs. Britt's body reportedly was thrown. Luzerne County Chief Deputy Coroner Joseph Shaver, far left, looks on while Patrolman Tupper of the Dallas Borough Police Department, far right, marks off the scene of the accident.

## Dr. Pallante gives in to cigarettes

By DOTTY MARTIN  
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Dr. James Pallante now understands what reformed smokers mean when they say the hardest time to kick the cigarette habit is following a meal.

The academic dean at College Misericordia, in an attempt to become one of the millions of smokers across the nation who joined last week's Great American Smokeout, failed the test right after lunch, just slightly more than 12 hours into the day.

He tried, though. Boy, did he try! Chomping on peppermint candies supplied by his encouraging secretary, Mary Dower, and gripping the arms of his chair until his hands turned blue, Dr. Pallante tried to quit smoking.

The urge, however, became too much following a quiet office lunch of cheese and crackers - and he gave in.

"I went 12 hours without a cigarette," Dr. Pallante said, almost proudly, the next day. "That's good for me because I have never gone without smoking for 12 minutes."

Admitting that he was still smoking the day after the Smokeout, Dr. Pallante said he was not puffing away at his regular pace.

"My level of guilt is much higher today," he said. "I am very conscious of reaching for a cigarette now and I have definitely reduced my level of smoking."

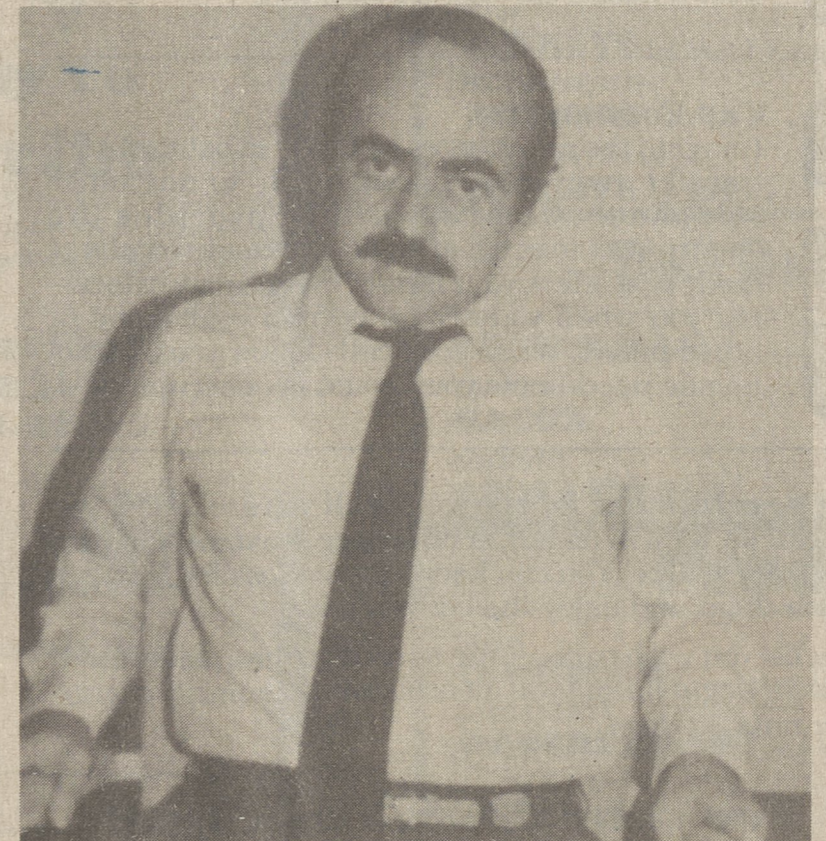
The Great American Smokeout, held Nov. 17, this year, is a program whereby the American Cancer Society urges all smokers to give up cigarettes for 24 hours - from midnight to midnight. The goal of the ACS is to get one in every five smokers to quit smoking

for good as a result of the Smokeout.

Having smoked a pack of cigarettes a day since he was 16 years old, the 44-year-old Pallante admitted he was serious about "trying" to give up cigarettes.

His Smokeout Day began with a "varied beginning" as he walked the 3.1 miles from his home on Deer Hill Road in Shavertown to his office.

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### Boy, is this tough!

Dr. James Pallante appeared quite uncomfortable at several points throughout the day. Here, he holds tightly the arms of his chair while carrying on a conversation in his office. It has been reported that he held on so tight, his fingers began to turn blue.

## Motorists thinking

Traffic slowed along a stretch than usual pace the day after the tragic fatality on Route 309 last week, but the motorists weren't just being careful - they were also thinking. There were some surprisingly good and practical suggestions in answer to the one common thought, "How can we prevent this from happening again?"

### ANALYSIS

Highway dividers have always been proposed as a solution, but this suggestion from a man who makes his living working on local roadwork was not in the usual million dollar price range. It was to take temporary highway barriers of the type used on the Turnpike when construction cuts traffic down to one lane and install them on our highways for a period of six months to see if they work.

These barriers are manufactured locally by a Nanticoke firm at a cost of slightly over \$200 each. Better yet, they are on hand in all PennDOT storehouses and all that would be required is the labor to put them in place. There would be no road cutting, no permanent concrete work. It would just be a trial, just a chance to save a life or two.

Another excellent idea proposed by a police officer who assisted at the fatal traffic accident was to have access lanes leading into all the shopping centers. A further improvement would be to widen Route 309 slightly and permit left hand turns from the center lane only.

A lot of frustration was apparent in talking to both local police and government official neither of whom have any jurisdiction over improvements along Route 309. It is a state highway and only the state may mandate physical changes such as traffic lights, turn lanes, overpasses, medial barrier strips and single entrances and exits to highway businesses.

Well over 10 years ago, local residents petitioned for a traffic light at the Y intersection of Route 309 and 415, but that was denied following a PennDOT study. Most other physical changes have also

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