

Week in review

Budget shows increase

The 1984 Dallas Township budget, tentatively approved by the township board of supervisors Nov. 15, will not show an increase in the property tax rate.

The tax rate, which currently stands at six mills, has not been raised since 1980.

The new budget calls for \$500,000 in expenditures, an \$18,700 increase over the current year. Of that total, \$108,000 is proposed for the police department while \$117,000 is earmarked for the road department. Also included in the proposed budget are approximately 5 1/2 percent raises for police and 5 percent raises for the road employees and communications clerk.

A meeting for final consideration of the budget is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

Positions reinstated

Five extracurricular positions and programs which were cut in June when the 1983-84 school district budget was passed have been reinstated by the Lake-Lehman School Board.

Reinstated were a junior high school assistant boys' basketball coach, an assistant girls' basketball coach, a junior high assistant wrestling coach, a concert band program and an elementary school music program.

The reinstated activities will be funded from federal money that was not anticipated when the budget was adopted and from money which would have been paid to a teacher who has taken a sabbatical leave.

The school board also voted to hire Kingston accountant Joseph H. Williams and Co. to serve as district auditors for the 1983-84 fiscal year.

The next school board meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The board is, at that time, scheduled to reorganize and appoint a successor to the seat held by Vincent Marchakitus, who was killed in an auto accident in October.

Council considers cruiser

Dallas Borough Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. to consider specifications for a new police cruiser. Bids for the cruiser will be solicited following that meeting.

It was reported at the regular monthly meeting of Council held Nov. 15 that Pennsylvania State Police are removing VASCAR speed detection from their units and will give the units to municipalities at no charge. Councilman Willard Newberry reported he has requested one of the 65 units available, but Councilman Jerry Machell voiced his opposition to installing the units in borough cruisers because they are not reliable. Council, however, voted to install the unit if the borough receives one.

Council also voted to install a new electronic box at the Dallas Shopping Center on Route 309 to operate the borough's "Season's Greetings" sign. The box was demolished when a motorist hit the pole on which it was mounted. The \$254 bill for the new box will be paid by the motorist's insurance company.

Contract awarded

Although it did not submit the lowest bid, the Galka-Bean Sanitation Co. of Noxen was awarded a contract to collect garbage in Harveys Lake Borough. Borough Council approved the \$32,800 contract at its Nov. 15 meeting because of the excellent work the company did this year in garbage collection in the borough.

M & M Refuse of Archbald submitted a bid for \$32,500 for the collection of garbage.

Council also appointed William Eschuck and Anne Ruotolo to the civil service board which is responsible for hiring police in the borough.

Petition rejected

The Kingston Township zoning hearing board voted unanimously Nov. 15 to reject a petition from Mr. and Mrs. David Sharp, of 32 Spring St., Shavertown, to operate a day-care center for up to 20 children at their home.

The primary reason for rejecting the petition was that under township zoning ordinances, a business operated from a home can take up no more than 20 percent of the floor space and the day-care center would take up far more than that.

The Sharps have 30 days to appeal the decision to the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas.

In another hearing, the board granted permission to Edward and Kim Williams of 130 Inman St., to use a mobile home as their residence while building a permanent residence on the same site.

Accident scene visited

Twelve jurors, two alternates and the attorneys involved in the Alva Frank Taylor case visited the scene of an accident which occurred last March in the Back Mountain and resulted in the death of two Larksville children.

Severn Newberry, a Dallas Borough patrolman who was the investigating officer, acted as tour guide.

The group members which traveled to the scene via bus, first visited the accident site near the new building which houses Gino's Shoe Store and DeRemer's Laundry on Route 309. They then traveled to the Upper Demunds Road area and witnessed the area where Taylor's pickup truck hit an embankment after the accident.

Taylor cleared in deaths

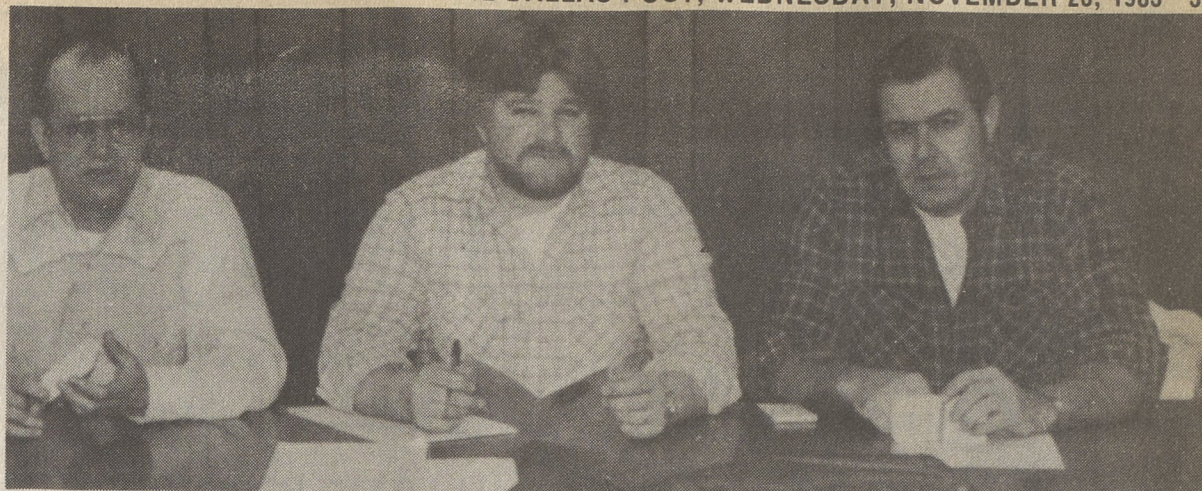
Alva Frank Taylor was found not guilty on Nov. 18 on charges he was responsible for the deaths of Candy Jo Lorah and Daniel Lorah on March 4, 1983.

Taylor, of Beaumont, was acquitted on two counts of homicide by vehicle and two counts of homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence of alcohol.

He was, however, found guilty of two counts of driving under the influence and one count of leaving the scene of an accident involving death or personal injury.

The Larksville children were struck by Taylor's pickup truck as they crossed Route 309 in Dallas.

Taylor faces up to one year in jail for leaving the scene of the accident, while driving under the influence carries a two-year maximum sentence.



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Planning ball

The Back Mountain Policeman's Association is planning the Annual Policeman's Ball for Friday, Nov. 25, from 8 p.m. to midnight at College Misericordia. Red Jones will act as caller for the farmer and modern dancing. Shown here are some of the police officers planning the affair. From left, Donald Gavigan, co-chairman; James Gruver, president, Back Mountain Policeman's Association; and Paul M. Sabol, co-chairman.

Allen Lord hearings scheduled for today

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Staff Correspondent

Two hearings are scheduled this afternoon for Allen Lord, 30 of 89 Parrish Street, Dallas who is charged with attempting to hire a state police officer to blow up his former girlfriend's trailer.

Lord, the owner of the Back Mountain Taxi Company, is also charged with firing a shot through the same trailer belonging to Lugene Perry and lodged at Pad 7, Harveys Lake Mobile Park.

State Police Corporal Thomas Baggott alleged that he was employed by Lord to blow up the trailer and its two occupants Lugene Perry and her current boyfriend Frederick R. Springer. The solicitation was reported to have taken place in the parking lot of the Holiday Pancake House in Luzerne, Nov. 16 at which time it is alleged Lord gave the policeman 10 one dollar bills to buy black powder and other explosives.

Lord was arraigned on multiple charges before District Magistrate Leonard Harvey and District Magistrate Andrew Barilla. At that time, Cpl. Baggott testified that Lord's instructions were to make the fatal explosion look like an accident. Upon completion of the task, the policeman was to be paid \$100.

The shooting incident took place the night before the double murder solicitation at 2:30 a.m. Police report Lord, accompanied by an unidentified driver, shot out of a car window into the mobile home. Damages to the ceiling and wall were

estimated at \$500.

Specific charges against Lord are Criminal Solicitation to Commit Murder, Criminal solicitation to Commit Arson, Recklessly Endangering Another Person and Criminal Mischief.

Lord was confined to Luzerne County prison in lieu of \$60,000 bail awaiting hearings on the charges.

School conducts cafeteria tours

Dallas School District hosted cafeteria tours and a luncheon at the Dallas Senior High for ARA's School Nutrition Services District Manager's meeting. Dallas School District contracts ARA School Nutrition Services to manage their School Lunch Program.

Persons in attendance were Dan Poorman, Senior High Principal; Frank Galicki, Assistant Principal; Sam Barbose, Elementary Principal; James Halstead, Vice President, ARA; the following District Managers; Nancy Talleur, Heinz Knaupp, Harriet Sakofs, Eleanor Black, Bob D'Angelo, Terry McCann, and Mary Reistetter, Dallas Food Service Director.

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MAGISTRATE REPORT

Hardisky charged

John Hardisky, 36, of RD 6, Lincoln St., Dallas has been arrested and charged with Driving Under The Influence and Exceeding Maximum Speed Limits specifically traveling 50 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone.

Harveys Lake Patrolman Michael Varletta arrested Hardisky on Lakeside Drive between the Outlet area and Sandy Beach after observing that his vehicle was being operated erratically.

A Breathalyzer Test was administered to Hardisky at the State Police Barracks, Wyoming. A hearing on the charges is scheduled before District Magistrate Leonard Harvey who also heard another Driving Under the Influence charge against Hardisky last month after he was arrested by Patrolman William Purcell.

Hardisky was represented in Magistrate's Court by Atty. Gifford R. Cappellini on the first charge which was waived to Luzerne County Court.

Hale arrested

Multiple charges including assaulting a police officer and drunken driving have been filed

against Robert "Bucky" Hale, Jr. 32, of RD 2, Harveys Lake. Lehman Township Police have filed the charges after observing Hale run a stop sign at Lehman Center, then fleeing the scene driving erratically with police in pursuit.

Patrolman William Hagenbaugh and Stanley Duda stopped the vehicle and charge that Hale then abused them both physically and with verbal threats while resisting arrest. He was then transported to the State Police Barracks, Wyoming, where he refused to take a Breathalyzer Test.

Hale was arraigned before District Magistrate Leonard Harvey and released on \$2,500 posted bail. A hearing is scheduled this week in

Magisterial Court for Hale on charges of Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault, Resisting Arrest, Driving Under The Influence, Failure to Observe Stop Sign, and Driving Under Suspension.

Richard C. Scott, D.D.S. and Robert D. Clements, Jr., D.D.S. announce the opening of their new Dental Office in Dallas at 30 Foster Street (next to the Dallas Post Office). Dr. Scott was formerly located in the Dallas Shopping Center. Dr. Clements, Jr. was formerly located in the United Penn Bank Building in Wilkes-Barre. Weekday, Saturday, and Evening appointments can be made by calling 675-4321.

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