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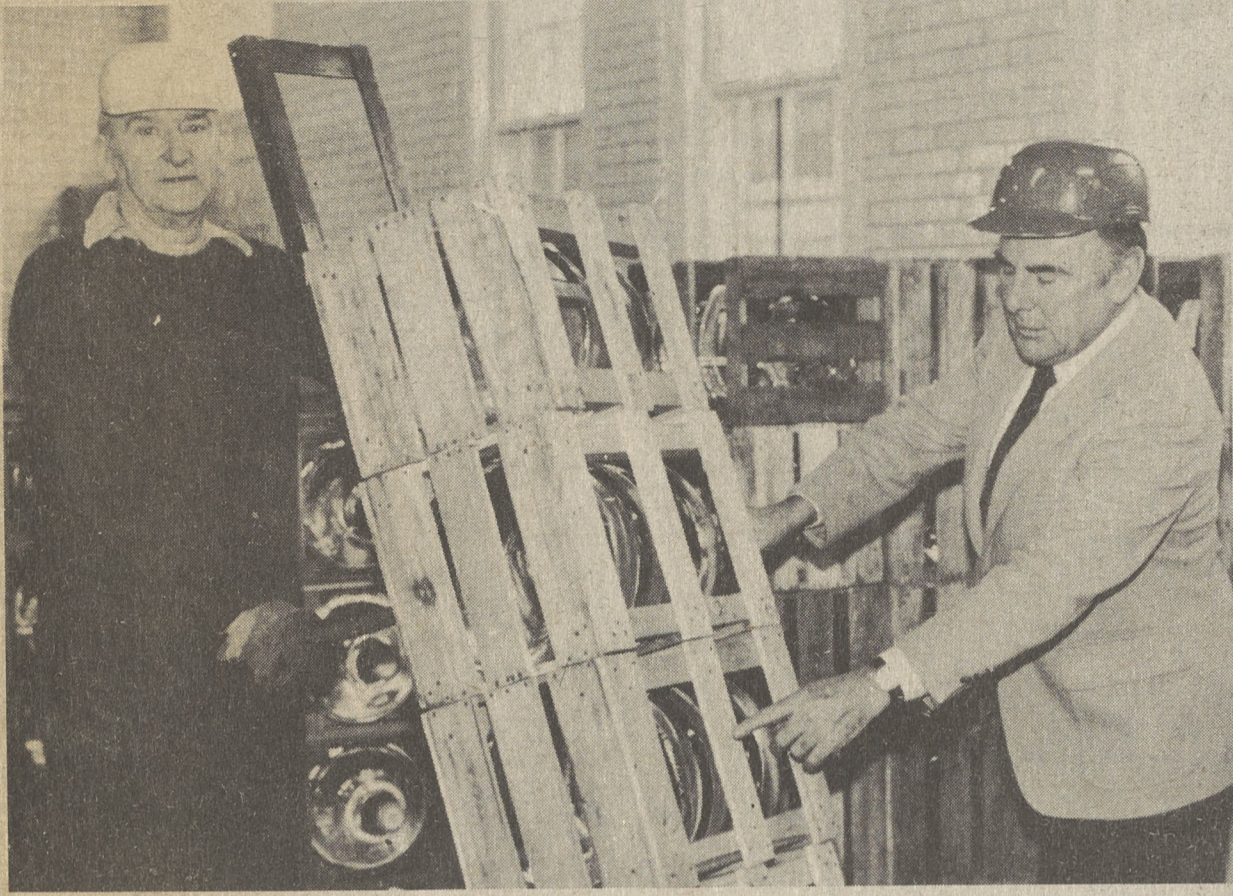
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Meeting the demand

Clifford Troup, Trucksville, above right, inspects a shipment of water leaving the Glen Summit Spring Water Co. in Mountaintop. Troup, general manager and treasurer of the water company, and his employees have been rather busy these days meeting the demand for clean drinking water. Joe Wheeler is the man moving the water.

Giardiasis Health officials confirm four Back Mountain cases

By JANE C. BOLGER
Staff Correspondent

Health Department reports of two confirmed cases of giardiasis in Shavertown and two in Dallas have started Back Mountain residents wondering about their water.

There is apparently no cause for concern, however, according to Ronald Masitis, District Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Department of Health who stated, "We have interviewed them and have been able to connect them with the affected area. They visited relatives or worked in the area and drank the water."

Because of medical confidentiality, Masitis declined to release the names of the victims, but reassured the people of the Back Mountain "that from our knowledge no other water system has been implicated."

Masitis did, however, urge that, as a precaution, "people should practice good personal hygiene" because the possibility exists that even though our water is not affected the disease can "be passed from person to person or from a common food source."

A check with Dallas and Shavertown Water Company Manager Joseph Salla reaffirmed the fact that, "The water is safe to drink. It is fine."

Salla explained the water is supplied from six deep

wells and the water is pumped up into the system" whereas "Giardiasis is present only in surface water reservoirs."

The company which also runs the Noxen and Harveys Lake Water Companies "monitors the chlorine contact to kill any other bacteria," said Salla who expressed his "personal feelings that more concern is needed about clean water that is safe to drink."

There are some other areas in the Back Mountain, however, whose water is supplied by Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company from supplies at the Huntsville Dam where no problems have been reported to date. These PG&W companies are the Trucksville Water Company, the Kingston Township-Shavertown Water Company, the Hillside Water Company and the Homesite Water Co. Water for all companies other than the Trucksville Water Co. come from deep wells. The Trucksville Water Co. receives its water from the Huntsville Dam. The water is first filtered through the Hillside Filtering Plant before entering homes.

Kingston Township Manager Mark Kunkle has "expressed his concern to the Department of Environmental Resources" after learning that "the most recent check on the Huntsville Dam Reservoir was made last summer."

Additional information on these company water supplies was not immediately available from PG&W.

Trucksville man busy with water

The purity of local drinking water, or the contamination of it, has become a major concern in Wyoming Valley these past few weeks as hundreds of people suffer from giardiasis and everyone else takes precautions to prevent the disease.

As a result of the contamination, Clifford Troup of Post Road, Trucksville has been "working day and night" in his post as General Manager and Treasurer of Glen Summit Springs Water Company to provide clean drinkable water to stricken families and businesses.

Clifford's "guesstimate" on how much the company's business has increased in the past weeks is "at least 25 to 30 percent." He confesses, however, "I haven't had time yet to sit down and figure it out; getting water to

the people is too important. We are also trying to keep up with our regular customers, distributors and home deliveries," he stated. "So we ask if people need water, they come and get it themselves."

The water available to customers comes in both half gallon plastic jugs and returnable glass gallon containers with water coolers also available for industry. The water itself is pure spring water piped a half mile down from three springs in Glen Summit to the company bottling plant. The main company office is on Rutter Avenue in Forty Fort with a branch in Scranton and a company warehouse in Old Forge.

"This is the 100th anniversary of the company," said Mr. Troup. "It was founded by Joseph Patterson in 1884 and is presently

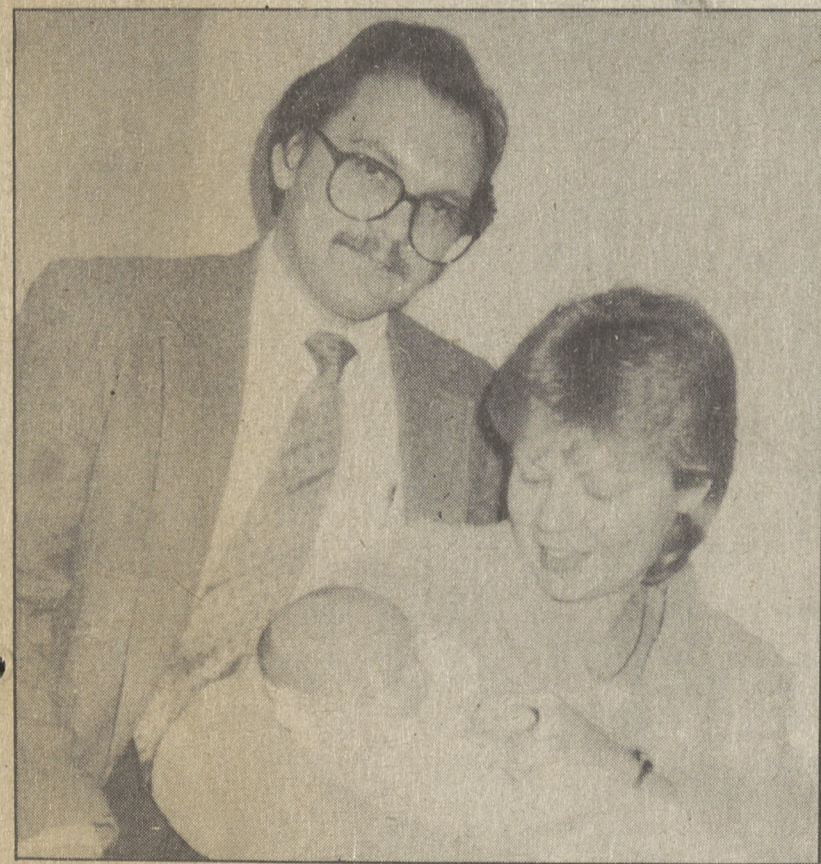
owned by Ruth Quin of Lake Carey who also serves as company president."

A look at two pamphlets written by Mr. Patterson in the 1800's points out that PURE WATER in capital letters was a major concern even then when Japanese coolies were hired to lay the original water pipes and deliveries were made by horse and cart.

Throughout his writings, J.E. Patterson, a contemporary and friend of the Kirby family, spoke glowingly of "Pure Water" and cautioned against "the great danger arising from the use for drinking purposes, of water drawn from public sources, or supplies."

Unfortunately these words written 100 years ago have proved to be just as true today - despite all our modern technology.

— JANE C. BOLGER



Dallas Post/Dotty Martin

She's the first

Adrienne Marie Kowalczyk, just 40 hours old in this photo, is not only the winner of the Dallas Post 1984 New Year's Baby Contest, but also the pride and joy of her parents, Daria and Taras Kowalczyk, Adrienne was born on Jan. 4 at 3:11 a.m. at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Adrienne Kowalczyk wins baby contest

Adrienne Marie Kowalczyk doesn't realize just how special she really is. Entering the world at 3:11 a.m. on Jan. 4, Adrienne became the winner of The Third Annual New Year's Day Baby Contest sponsored by The Dallas Post. However, in addition to allowing her parents to claim several prizes as contest winners, Adrienne is also the first girl born on her father's side of the family in 26 years.

Adrienne's proud father is Taras Kowalczyk, an employee of Nabisco Brands in Wilkes-Barre while her mother is the former Daria Dykaj.

The couple resides at 35 Dorchester Drive, Dallas. Adrienne is their first child.

Maternal grandparents are Anna and Ostap Dykaj of New York and Michael and Irene Kowalczyk, of Philadelphia.

Adrienne becomes the third girl to win the New Year's Baby Contest as she follows Katrina Marea Fanti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fanti, Dallas, who won the contest in 1982 and Kelly Elizabeth Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner, Dallas, the 1983 winner.

Believe it!

Little children love to go to the Kingston Township Zoning Office where they get lollipops or candy canes from John Dana (alias Santa Claus) while their parents conduct their business in peace.

A teacher from High Point Acres has become a successful farmer. Seems she threw a rotten pumpkin in a flower bed last year and grew two full size pumpkins at the spot this year.

Gabriel case

Stalemate exists; Gabriel still waits

By JANE C. BOLGER
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A stalemate has apparently evolved between the Dallas School District and John Gabriel pending the court hearing on his appeal for reinstatement as Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor for the district.

Forty-two days after his job was terminated, Gabriel continues to sit home waiting while maintenance of Dallas schools is being performed on an equally temporary basis.

Gabriel, who is presently collecting unemployment, is hesitant to look for a new position despite the financial problems involved in raising three teenagers and paying college tuition for a fourth Gabriel offspring, "because I could be returning to Dallas." Nor has the school district made any effort to fill his post because, according to Asst. School Superintendent Gerry Wycallis "if he wins his appeal we could end up with two supervisors of maintenance."

Gabriel's former assistant Tom Dickinson "has graciously accepted the responsibility of the position for now and is helping the district," according to Wycallis.

The matter "has been on the school board agenda" Wycallis stated, "but for now they are biding time. The board can't fill the position yet. The job hasn't been posted, although there is a rumor that some people are interested."

Early indications seem to be that the "new" Dallas School Board is leaning more toward hiring a new supervisor rather than bringing in an outside maintenance agency to serve the district which had been under consideration by the previous board.

This holding action imposed on both Gabriel and the School District probably will not be resolved "until February or March," according to Atty. Arthur Piccone who represents Gabriel and has filed the reinstatement suit on his behalf in the Court of Common Pleas.

"We have to go through it and do it again on the basis that the value judgments made by the school board were not based on the facts," stated Piccone.

The nine-man Dallas School Board held a lengthy series of



JOHN GABRIEL

Public Hearings last fall on their prior decision to fire Gabriel and eventually voted 8 to 1 to dismiss him.

Gabriel's appeal "will not be a jury trial," according to Piccone, but "will be heard by a judge"

State lottery retailers become claim centers

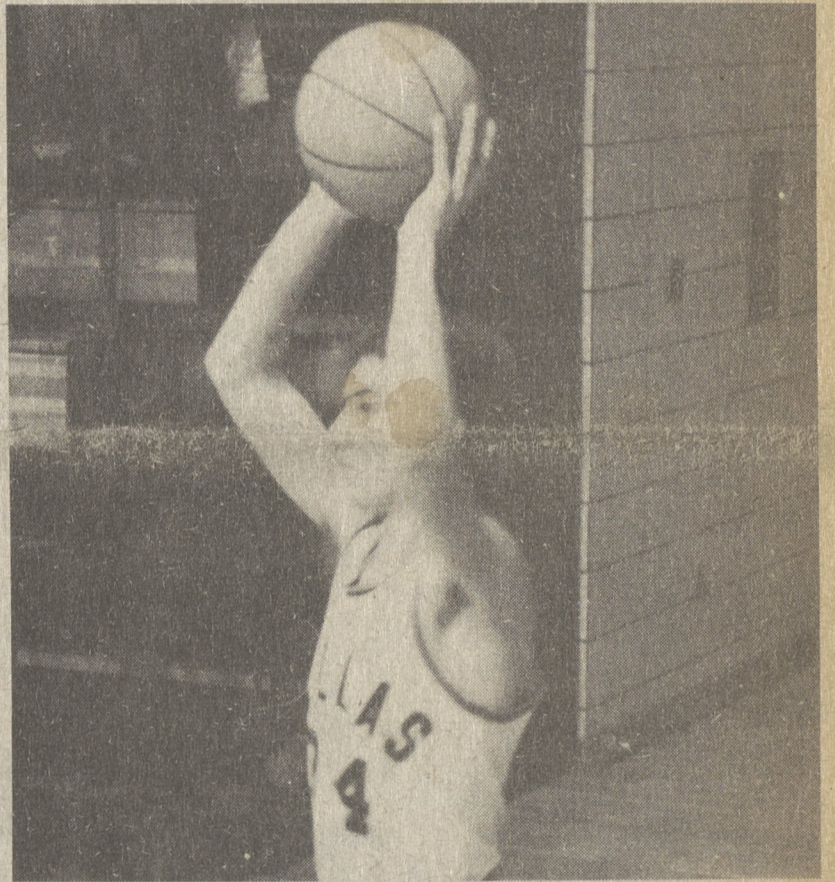
Pennsylvania Lottery Numbers Games retailer will become authorized claim centers for persons holding winning Pennsylvania Lottery tickets effective Jan. 3, Lottery Executive Director Lynn R. Nelson announced recently.

With this change: Winning tickets in the Daily Number, Big 4 and or Lotto games should be processed through the computer terminal at a Numbers Games retailer.

The Daily Number, Big 4 and Lotto tickets valued up to \$600 will be paid by the retailer after processing.

A claim must be filed with a Numbers Games retailer for Daily Number, Big 4 and Lotto tickets valued in excess of \$600, or over 30 days old.

The Daily Number, Big 4 and Lotto winning tickets are valid for one (1) year from the drawing date



Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Scores 1,000th

Dave Thomas of the Dallas High School basketball team was honored Friday evening prior to the Mountaineers' game against Seton Catholic for scoring 1,000 scholastic career points. Thomas, who scored his 1,000th point in Dallas' season opener last Friday, plays a vital role in the Mountaineers' offensive plan. (Story, additional photo inside.)

EDC offers census data

The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania has just received the complete set of data from the computer tape containing information from the long-form 1980 Census questionnaire. This information is available for the counties within the EDCNP coverage area (Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill and Wayne) as well as for Columbia and Wyoming Counties, the latter two counties are part of the metropolitan area serving Northeastern Pennsylvania. The data are presented by county totals, municipal totals, enumeration dis-

tricts, census tracts and block groups.

The data covers the following population and housing characteristics:

Population; School enrollment; educational attainment; state or foreign country of birth; citizenship and year of immigration; current language and English proficiency; ancestry; place of residence five years ago; activity five years ago;

Housing: Type of unit; stories in building and presence of elevator; year built; year moved into this house; acreage and crop sales;

The staff of the Economic Development Council's Affiliate Data Center is prepared to assist in meeting data and information needs. Information about the Data Center and its resources is available by contacting the Council at P.O. Box 777, Avoca, Pa. 18641 (717) 655-5581.

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