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## Crime scene

Shown here is the intersection of Lower Demunds Road and Roushey Street in Dallas Township where Kingston Township Police Officer Ralph Seltzer was struck by a vehicle. The incident was the result of a police chase that began in Dallas Borough when a police officer spotted a car with an expired registration plate. The 17-year-old operator of the vehicle has been charged with aggravated assault and is being held in the Luzerne County Detention Center pending court action.

## Vehicle

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of the vehicle, but to a friend. Fowler chased the vehicle through Dallas Borough and radioed to both Dallas Township and Kingston Township for assistance.

When Officer Seltzer set up the road block with the Kingston Township cruiser at the intersection of Lower Demunds Road and Roushey Street, Officer Fowler advised him (Seltzer) to get out of the car.

Seltzer did leave his cruiser and was standing up off the road when he was struck.

"He (the juvenile) definitely hit him (Seltzer) on purpose," Fowler reported Monday evening. "He could have stopped. There was plenty of time and Seltzer was way off the side of the road."

Sabot echoed the feelings of Fowler, reporting that the driver of the vehicle had sufficient time to

stop before striking Seltzer. Sabot also said the operator of the vehicle

had been arrested a few weeks ago in Kingston Township for driving a vehicle with an expired registration.

Seltzer, a full-time employee of A. Dancheck, Inc., of Kingston, is married to the former Carol Kuzma of Swoyersville. The couple is expecting their first child in April.

## Threats

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"He never caused me any grief here," Miers said of Stair. "There was never a problem of loitering or anything."

Although the reasons why Stair wanted to end his life remain a mystery, Miers said, "When something like this happens, people jump to conclusions. Nobody has come forward with an explanation, but I'd like to think he (Stair) did it here at the Township Building because I'd be the one to find him. And, being a friend of the family's, I could tell them."

Fowler could not offer a reason for Stair's death and Lyons reported he was very "surprised" to hear of the incident.

Although Fowler would not comment as to whether or not he has requested additional protection since the verbal threats, Chief Lyons reported that no police officers have asked for additional protection. Lyons said he knows of no need for additional protection, but reported that if an officer needs protection, he will get it.

Lyons also said he is not aware of any members of the Dallas Borough Police Department being threatened, although he admitted it's possible that "words could be exchanged."

## Library plans Open House

Sunday, February 3, will be an exciting day in the Back Mountain. For hundreds of residents who regularly use the Back Mountain Memorial Library and for those who are not regular library-goers as well, it will be their first chance to see the progress being made in the current renovation process at the new library. This building, the former Dallas Borough Elementary School located on Huntsville Road has been

undergoing an internal "face-lift" to transform it into a new spacious modern library for the entire Back Mountain area.

On Sunday, Feb. 3 from noon until 3 p.m., an "open house" will take place at the new library. It will represent the kick-off of the public fund-raising campaign in the area in order to raise the needed funds for the complete renovating of the building.

## Newcomers plan meeting

The General Membership Meeting of the Newcomers Club of Wyoming Valley is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7:45 p.m. at the Dorrance United Methodist Church, Kingston. Club president Terry Tower will conduct the meeting. "Diet and Complex Carbohydrates" will be the topic for the evening with guest speaker Josephine Kotch of the County Extension Office.

Also on the agenda for the meeting is the collection of canned goods and paper products to support the Social Services Committee project of helping needy families. The Committee, with the help of the general membership was able to do an excellent job for Thanksgiving and Christmas and is now preparing for Easter.

Among the special interest group activities for the month of February are: a Pot Luck Luncheon on Feb. 28 from noon until 2 p.m. and a general membership coffee on Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Both of these events will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, for mothers and children. The colonial art of net darning will be featured at Craft Night on Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Terry Tower. Nancy Crane from Bush Hands Stitchery will be the instructor. A "Sixties Valentine Party" will be held on Feb. 15 at PSU Lehman Commons House. There will be dancing, contests and refreshments. Local radio personality Terry McNulty will be the D.J. for the evening of fun and frolic. Upcoming in March is a Hungarian

Dinner, the Children's Easter Party, the Spring Craft Auction and the Spring Getaway Weekend.

Newcomers of Wyoming Valley is open to new and long time residents of the area. Anyone interested in joining can contact Mrs. Philip Amoroso of Shavertown.

## Children test limits

Preschool children are constantly testing the limits of their world - the behavioral limits as well as the physical ones. This testing is natural and normal, but it can become a problem unless parents recognize it and know how to handle it, according to Growing Child, the monthly child development newsletter.

Four problem behaviors often seen in preschoolers are whining, temper tantrums, sulking, and clinging. Parents can most effectively deal with these by ignoring negative behaviors and rewarding positive ones.

Some children seem to whine all the time. Nothing ever pleases them. They will whine for an ice cream cone, but when the parent produces it, the child will whine that the flavor is not right. When the parent produces the right flavor, the child will whine that it is melting and sticky. No matter what the parent does, it does not please the child.

Whining is a negative behavior. If parents consistently reward it by trying to always please the child, they will produce a chronic whiner. If they consistently ignore the whining, it will soon stop.

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## Workshop

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sure or they will give school personnel a Project Alive package, information teachers can use in the classroom so students can learn to recognize warning signals in their classmates. She said about half of the schools want to take it into the classroom, while the other half are taking a "wait and see" attitude because they believe it might promote rather than prevent suicide. She compared the attitude to the one-time attitude toward sex education in the schools.

Dr. Sternlieb, who will conduct the seminar at Dallas, told The Dallas Post that there is no one cause for suicides but a lot of factors working together. He cited a feeling of aloneness, impaired judgement due to use of drugs and alcohol, difficulty in making decisions, inability to solve problems, stressful situations, belief that no one cares and no one to talk to about problems add up to attempts to commit suicide.

He said parents should look for changes in children's routines, loss of interest, changes in eating or sleeping habits, loss or gain of weight, changes in normal behavior patterns, statements about being better off dead, giving away coveted possessions, that these are signals of potential suicidal attempts.

"In most attempted suicides," said Dr. Sternlieb, "the person is calling for help. For the most part, those who do commit suicide miscalculate."

Parents need to recognize changes in their children and show them that they are willing to listen, according to Dr. Sternlieb. He urges parents to give their children a

sense of being able to confide in them, that they recognize the seriousness of their problems and are willing to talk to their sons or daughters about them. He also recommends talking about suicide with their children.

The problem of suicide needs to be discussed in the schools, said Sternlieb. It should not be a taboo subject. Students should know that they can confide in a teacher, who can refer them to a caring person or professional person in the community.

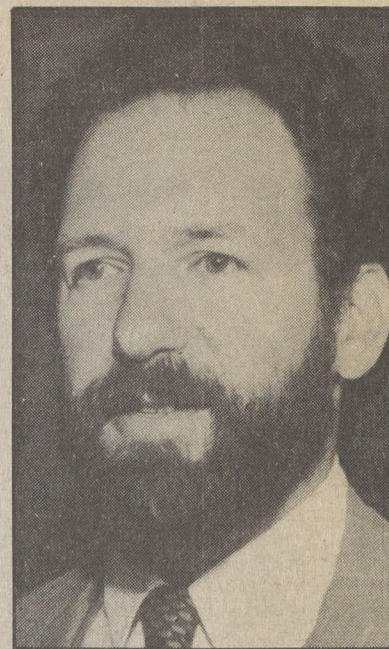
Other measures to help young people are to get kids involved in outside activities and show interest in what the teenagers are doing.

Sternlieb said parents should take time to sit down with their children and take a look at their lives to see if they are going where they want them to go. Look back and look ahead and together plan for the future instead of waiting until a crisis arises.

"There are as many reasons for suicides as there are suicides," said Sternlieb. "Generally, there are a combination of reasons and these differ with each individual. In most cases, something as minor as a break-up between boy friend and girl friend, is merely the incident that triggers the suicide. There are deeper causes which lead up to it."

Children's Service Center deals with attempted suicidal cases, according to a spokesman in Executive Director Joseph DeVizia's office.

The caseworkers work with the entire family. Some have ongoing problems and others are emergency patients. The treatment program varies in relation to the seriousness of the problem.



DR. JEFFREY STERNLIEB

Some patients are admitted to in-patient treatment while others are seen as out-patients. The Center has a partial hospitalization program where patients come in every day for consultation and treatment.

The Children's Service Center's function is to deal, after the fact, with the problem. The Youth Service Commission of Luzerne and Wyoming Counties effort is to deal with prevention by educating parents, school officials and children before the problem occurs.

The workshop scheduled for Feb. 5 at the Dallas District Administration offices will deal with detailed information on teenager suicide which should prove helpful to those people dealing with teenagers.

## Auxiliaries schedule meetings

Several branches of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be holding meetings on Friday, Feb. 1.

The Dorrance branch of the auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. on the third floor of the Medical Arts Building. Mrs. Robert Nicholson and Mrs. Paul Detweiler will serve as co-hostesses. Mary Ellen Tappino will preside. All members are urged to attend.

The Shavertown branch will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown at 1 p.m. In the event of bad weather, the meeting will be held Feb. 8.

At 1 p.m. in the Forty Fort Borough Building, the Forty Fort branch of the auxiliary will meet. Mildred Banta and her committee will serve. Members are reminded to bring birthday gifts from December and January meetings.

The Kingston auxiliary branch will meet at 1 p.m. in the Medical Arts Building. Diane Shinal, R.N., professional services representative, will speak. Tea hostesses for the meeting will include Helen Hilbert, Ann Rothstein and Eleanor Thomas. All members are encouraged to invite a friend to the meeting.

The Wyoming branch of the auxiliary will meet at the home of Dorothy Hessler, 330 Holden St., Wyoming, at 1:15 p.m. Lenore Rosencrans, of the Luzerne-Wyoming County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program, will be the guest speaker. Hostesses for the meeting will be Miss Hessler and Marion Davies.

The Rural branch of the auxiliary will meet at Doris Bedford's home, RD 3, Dallas, at 10 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

On February 6 at 7 p.m. in the third floor lounge of the Medical Arts Building, the Careerist branch of the auxiliary will meet.

## Scholarship aid made available

Scholarship Research Associates, a computerized research firm located in Framingham, Massachusetts, is currently conducting an intensive canvassing for scholarship source recipients who are high school juniors and seniors; college freshmen and sophomores; and graduate school candidates.

The association has access to approximately \$3,000,000,000 of financial aid in its data bank.

Government aid which is awarded upon completion of an FAF form is granted on the basis of financial need. If a family or individual has accumulated savings or other assets, the amount of government aid available is limited. Scholar Research Associates service is not dependent on family income.

Company representatives are meeting with area guidance counselors, business people, and college officials to introduce their service to the local area.

Students and parents wishing to gain access to the scholarship sources available should write for further information to: SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, P.O. Box 2612, Framingham, Massachusetts 01701.

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