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To collectors

Board votes raise

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The Dallas School Board this past Monday evening, voted to award a four-year increase in compensation to tax collectors, Glenda Rozelle, Tom Reese and Len Kozick. The tax collector's former reimbursement plan was 21 percent of 200,000 worth of taxes. Under the present plan, announced board president Joe O'Donnell, the commissions would be 2 1/2 percent of the first 200,000, a half percent increase from last year, and in addition, one percent of the next million and 1/2 percent on all monies over 1.2 million collected.

Announced were many changes in personnel among which were: Trent George, resigning as assistant baseball coach. Mary Ann Mihalick was appointed to assistant junior high girls' hockey coach position; Mrs. Margaret Johnson as assistant to Dallas Senior High Drama Coach; Lewis Isaac as the weight-lifting instructor for the Dallas Senior High and Audry Ide as a part-time teacher of Home Economics in the Senior High.

The position on the Citizens Advisory Committee, left open when John Cleary joined the School Board this year, will be filled by William Roman of Laurel Lane in Shrine Acres, Dallas, as the board voted unanimously.

In other matters, Earl Samuel, representative of the Soccer Team Parents Association, petitioned the board to consider relocating the soccer field, currently located behind the Dallas Elementary (See BOARD, page 10)

Misericordia campaign tops goal



Over the top

College Misericordia alumni celebrate the raising of \$1,588,901 in the college's first major capital campaign. The 15-month "Gift of Quality" fund drive exceeded its \$1.5 million goal. The money raised will be used primarily for scholarships and financial aid, curriculum development and energy-saving renovations. Covering the symbolic dollar with the "Over the Top" banner are, from left: Nancy O'Donnell, '46, Wilkes-Barre; Jeanne Coyle, '49, Wilkes-Barre; Benedicta Matchett, '56, Dallas; and Sallyanne Rosenn, '44, Kingston.

Police officer improving

Juvenile driver will be charged with five counts

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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In a hearing set for February 21 in Luzerne County Juvenile Court, the 17 year-old Back Mountain youth charged with running down Kingston Township Patrolman Ralph Seltzer will be tried on five counts.

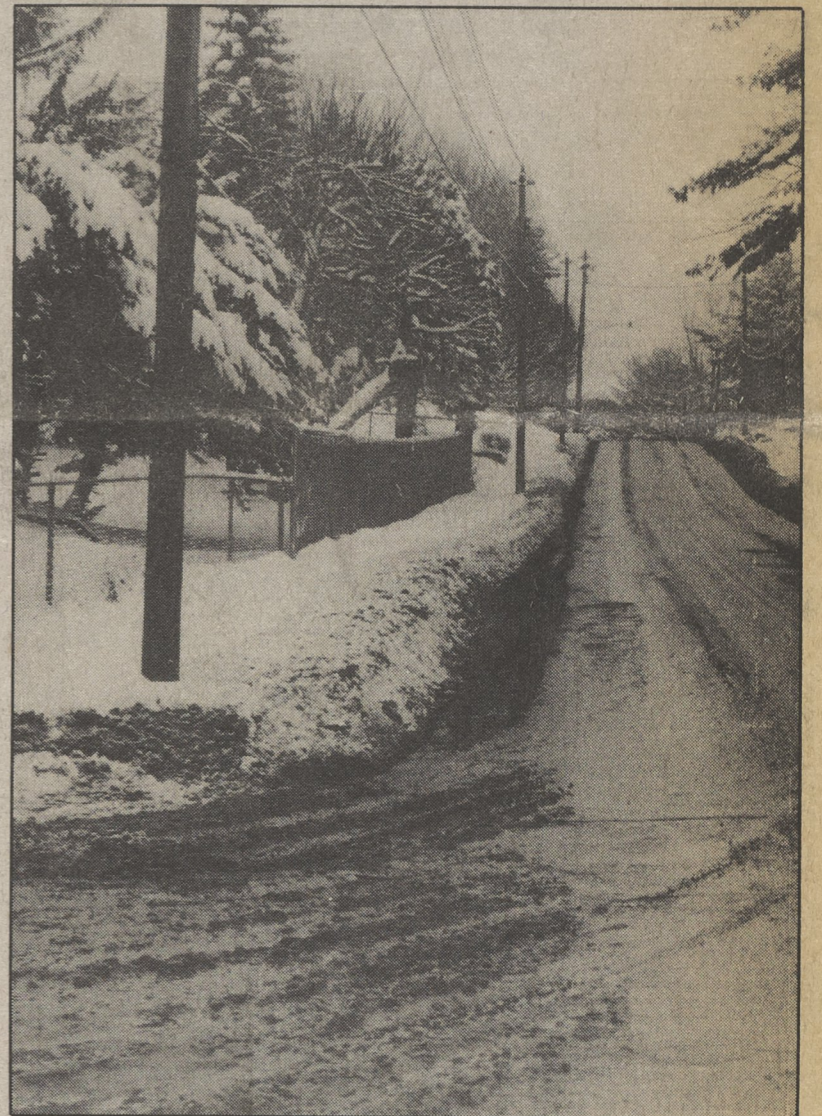
Pennsylvania State Trooper Carl Allen said Tuesday morning the youth is charged with aggravated assault, recklessly endangering the life of a police officer, violating the drug, devices and cosmetic act, possession of an instrument of crime and possession of a vehicle with a change in the manufacturer's number.

Trooper Allen said if convicted, the youth may be sentenced to prison, certified to adult court, or placed on probation.

In the meantime, Officer Seltzer remains as a patient in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where he said Tuesday is improving, although he must still lie flat on his back. Seltzer's physicians are discussing beginning physical therapy in the near future.

"The skin grafts have been successful, but I can't move my leg," said Seltzer. "It's going to take time and patience, but I'm sure I will make it. I know that it's a long road back."

Seltzer expressed his appreciation for the concern shown him by people of the Back Mountain, many of whom he does not know.



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Snow shovel needed

This portion of Huntsville Road in Dallas makes for a pretty picture in the winter time, however, the sidewalks on the left provide some rather treacherous walking for pedestrians. The walks, which were just constructed this past summer, have yet to be cleared of snow this winter.



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Working helps

Rita Lyons, wife of Police Chief Ed Lyons, finds her work relieves her from worrying while her husband is on duty. Rita works in the guidance office at Dallas Sr. High School.

What's it like as the wife of a policeman?

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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What is it like to be the wife of a police officer? Recent events in the Back Mountain caused some residents to wonder how the officers' wives felt and how they coped.

This writer talked with several of the wives and, though some of their answers varied, many were similar. Fear, hours, salaries, inability to plan - these topics were voiced by those with whom we talked.

Diane and Gary Beisel have been married for eight years. Gary is a Kingston Township police officer and the couple has two children, age six and four.

Fear, according to Diane, is uppermost in her mind. "When I kiss him goodbye," she said, "I don't know whether he will come home at the end of his shift." Fortunately, Diane said, Gary was injured only once, while chasing someone through the woods.

When she hears a report on the

scanner, Diane can't help but wonder if everything will be alright. No matter how simple the violation, one never knows if guns will be involved. Diane said even in a minor traffic violation, the person might have a gun or another weapon.

Stress is another factor, said Diane, not only for an officer's wife, but for the officer, too. A wife has to learn to deal with stress in order to help her husband. She also explained that an officer's shift is not just eight hours. He is always on call and often his wife and family are alone because there are hearings he must go to in the day when he is working at night.

"It's difficult for the children when they expect their father home (See WIVES, page 10)

Women in business

Ruth K. Smith finds satisfaction in the business of buying, selling

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first installment of a six-part series, entitled "Women in Business." The series will feature Back Mountain women who have made it big in business and relate their feelings of working in what used to be a man's world.)

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Ruth K. Smith, with offices located on Memorial Highway, Trucksville, and North Mountain Boulevard, Mountaintop, has been in real estate for the past 19 years.

When she opened her office in the Back Mountain, she was owner, salesperson, secretary and whatever else she needed. Today, she is highly successful with two offices and 10 agents, all of them employed full time.

Ruth Smith attributes her success to total dedication to every client with whom she works. She and her agents make certain their clients are given proper guidance and service. She does not feel she is a salesperson, but rather, a problem solver.

Ruth went into the real estate business because she thought it would be a profession where she could arrange her schedule so she could raise her three children. Prior to that time, she worked at RCA and had to be on the job whether or not she had problems

at home.

Her son, Kevin, who works in the Back Mountain office, is married to the former Valerie Baloga. Kevin is now working on obtaining his broker's license. Daught Ruth, works in the Mountaintop office, and youngest son, Olin, is still in school. Ruth's husband, Olin, a native of Forty Fort, is employed in the business office at Valley Crest.

Ruth took real estate courses at King's College and Pennsylvania State University and later attended real estate seminars. She also attended Wharton School of Pennsylvania.

She first worked for a broker for a period of three years in order to obtain her broker's license. One must have a certain number of sales and so many deals before obtaining a broker's license. After passing the broker's test, one can set up a business. Pennsylvania is much more rigid than most states in its real estate license requirements, according to Ruth Smith.

Ruth said the Back Mountain is the best selling area for real estate and that Mountaintop also has top priority. In her business, she does not want sales people to practice on others. She tries very hard not to have any problems and to have every buyer satisfied. To be successful requires psychology and public relations, according to her.

"Real estate is a very personal thing," said Ruth Smith. "The buyer has to rely on the realtor's (See WOMEN, page 10)



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Taking time out

Ruth K. Smith takes time out from a busy schedule to explain her business operation and the Century 21 brochure.

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