

# POLICE BLOTTER

## Dallas Township

Michelle Hopper of RD 2, Harveys Lake called Township police when she discovered the window on the driver's side of her 1980 AMC Spirit had been smashed.

The vandalism occurred last Wednesday at 4:50 p.m. while her car was parked near a fairway at Irem Temple Country Club.

Officer Wayman Miers investigated.

Robert Daniels, custodian for the Mercy Medical Offices on Lake St. in Dallas, reported that sometime during the night of March 24, someone removed six letters from the large sign advertising the offices facing Lake St.

Elliot Ide was the investigating officer.

Joseph Banks of High Point Acres in Dallas reported that \$4510 worth of tools and fishing equipment was stolen from his truck sometime over the weekend of March 23.

Wayman Miers, who investigated the incident for Township police, found that entry into the vehicle was gained through a locked door.

The majority of items taken were carpentry tools belonging to either Banks, personally, or the Joseph Banks Construction Company. The theft is under investigation.

Merrick Hall, College Misericordia was the scene of malicious mischief last week when someone

broke into the kitchen there. According to a report issued by Elliot Ide, entry was made through ceiling panels in a storage room off from the kitchen. Apparently, nothing was taken, however the milk machine was damaged.

## Kingston Township

Two people suffered minor injuries early Sunday morning in an accident that occurred at the intersection of Route 309 and Carverton Road in Trucksville, Kingston Township.

Jeffrey Peterson of RD 3, Benton was traveling north in the passing lane on Route 309 approximately 12:50 a.m. He told investigating officers Balavage and Belza that he saw the light turn from green to yellow to red whereupon he downshifted and slowed down. He then saw a car, slammed on his brakes, but was unable to stop.

Stuart Thomas III, of RD 4, Dallas, told the officers he stopped at the bottom of Church Street, saw the light in the blinking mode, looked both ways and, when he saw no traffic, proceeded on to Route 309 to enter Carverton Road. He stated he didn't see Peterson's car until he heard Karen Banks, a passenger in his vehicle yell, then the collision occurred.

Balavage and Belza reported there were 65.3 feet of skid marks made by Peterson's 1980 Volkswagen Rabbit before impact, and that there had been two passengers in

his car who had left the scene immediately following the collision. Both Peterson and Thomas were charged with underage drinking, and charges of Driving Under the Influence have been filed against Peterson.

Thomas' 1979 Suburu and the Peterson vehicle were towed from the scene by Martin's Mobile Station. Kingston Township Ambulance crews assisted the officers.

## Dallas Borough

Two people were taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital by the Dallas Borough Ambulance last Wednesday when they were injured in a mishap at the intersection of Routes 309 and 415.

Melissa Masitis of Ridge Drive in Shavertown told police officers she stopped at the stop sign but failed to see James Matysik of Kingston who was proceeding into the parking lot of the Dallas Shopping Center across the northbound lane of Route 309.

The woman pulled out of the stop sign and when she did see Matysik's vehicle was unable to avoid impact. Skid marks were left by the Matysik vehicle which moved to the right and off the roadway in an attempt to avoid the accident.

Investigating Borough officer R.G. Jolley was assisted at the scene by the Dallas and Kingston Township Police Departments, Dallas Ambulance and the Dallas Fire Departments.



## Bill proponents

Harveys Lake Drug Action Committee initiated Bill 209 mandating drug education courses in all schools in Pennsylvania. The Bill, now in committee, would provide courses in kindergarten through senior high school. Three members of the committee discussing progress of the Bill are, left to right, Nick DiVeronica; Richard Boice, president, HL Borough Council and Raymond Jones, council member.

# Lake residents push for passage of House Bill

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Staff Correspondent

House Bill No. 209, referred to the Committee on Education in February of this year, would provide for the requirement of school courses relating to the cause and prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, mandate a certified addiction counselor be employed by each school district and provide funding.

The Bill, introduced by Rep. Stanley Jarolin, chairman of the special sub-committee of the House Liquor Control Committee, was the first initiated by Rep. George Hasay, Richard Boice, Nick DiVeronica, Raymond Jones, Frank Picchi, Mayor, Harveys Lake Borough; and other borough council members.

Rep. Jarolin, approving their idea, picked up the proposal and also pushed it. Luzerne County Commissioner James Phillips and District Attorney Robert Gillespie as well as representatives of the Luzerne-Wyoming County Executive Committee on Drugs and Alcohol also backed the Bill and on Feb. 11, 1985, it was referred to the Committee on Education for action.

If passed, House Bill 209, would amend the Act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14) entitled "An Act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," requiring school courses related to the cause and prevention of drug and alcohol abuse; mandating a certified addiction counselor be employed by each district, and providing funding.

Subsections would be added to the Public School Code mandating courses of study so each student in kindergarten through 10th inclusive shall receive a mandatory alcohol and chemical abuse informational course of study developed by the Department of Health. Each school district would have to employ at least one certified addiction counselor for student problems relating to drug, alcohol or chemical abuse

and the courses of study would be funded by imposing an emergency State tax on liquor sold by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Such a tax is expected to provide \$45 million annually.

DiVeronica, owner of a grocery store and lunch room at Harveys Lake, wants to see the Bill passed by the State Legislature. He believes that since all else appears to have failed, the students would have to derive some benefit from mandatory courses of study, especially since they would place emphasis on prevention rather than trying to cure.

He urges all area residents to write to Rep. James J.A. Gallagher, Chairman Education Committee, Room 637, M.C., House, P.O. Box 27, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120-0028; or to Hon. Roger R. Fischer, Chairman Education Committee, Room B-8A, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120, urging them to pass the Bill out of committee into the legislature.

"We know there is no overnight cure," said DiVeronica. "In today's society it is 'Do as I say not do as I do'. If we educate the children they may help educate the parents. The administration of the Lake-Lehman School District has been very cooperative in this effort."

DiVeronica said that where his business is located he has had a great deal of opportunity to observe the use of alcohol and drugs by both adults and young people. In 1983, he can't count the number of times he had to call the authorities because of various disturbances. In 1984, he had very few, if any, occasions to call them. He believes if in each area of every community, someone would turn violators in and press charges it could help prevent a lot of disturbance and crime.

The Harveys Lake Drug Action Committee was organized in January, 1984. Since that time, members have been trying to do something to prevent drug and alcohol abuse. They are hopeful that with the support of legislators, school and local authorities as well as taxpayers, their proposed drug and alcohol Bill to mandate courses of study in every school district will be a big step on helping to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

# Obituaries

## JULIAN IVEY

Julian Ivey, of Lehman, died March 30 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, the former Gloria Gensel; sisters, Mrs. Gladys Ivy, Mississippi; Mrs. Lillian Rhoden, Georgia; brothers, Houston, Mississippi; Cletis and Benjamin C., both of Florida.

Funeral services were held April 2 from the Lehman Funeral Home, Swoyersville, with the Rev. Michael Shambora officiating. Interment, Lehman Cemetery, Lehman.

## SAMUEL LAWSON

Samuel J. Lawson, 86, of 80 Carverton Road, Trucksville, died March 29 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, following an illness.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Helen Houghton, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; son, James R., Tunkhannock; sister, Mrs. Stanley Semmer, Kingston; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral was held April 1 from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home,

Shavertown, with the Rev. H. Gene Reichel officiating. Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

## ELIZABETH WELLER

Mrs. Elizabeth Weller, 92, of Box 95, Sweet Valley, died March 30 in Bonham Nursing Center in Register, Huntington Township.

Surviving are her daughters, Mrs. Mary Elbe, Euclid, Ohio; Mrs. Jean Wesley, Sweet Valley; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 2 from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Interment, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Dallas.

## PETER S. WEAVER

Peter S. Weaver, 41, of Briarcrest Road, RD 1, Dallas, died March 28 in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., following an illness.

Surviving are his mother, Margaret Shindel Weaver; his wife, the former Carol Ann Durkin; sons, Michael Durkin Weaver and Greg-

ory Cameron Weaver, both at home; sister, Mrs. James M. (Gwen) Van Lingham, Satellite Beach, Fla.; brother, H. Robert Weaver Jr., Lehman.

Funeral was held April 1 in Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, with the Rev. John S. Prater, rector of the church, officiating. Interment, Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

## RUTH BALTES

Mrs. Ruth A. Baltès, 64, of 356 Berkshire Road, Fairless Hills, died March 28 in the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, where she had been a guest for 18 months.

Surviving are her husband, Robert B.; son, Robert F., Hudson, Plains Township; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 30 from the Luthern M. Kniffen Funeral Home, Wilkes-Barre, with the Rev. Charles J. Hooker, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.



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## Spring is in air

A sure sign that Spring is in the air is evident in this photo taken last week from Upper Demunds Road. These men, practicing their hand at fishing, are anticipating the opening of trout season, scheduled for Saturday, April 13.

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