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Neighborhood Crime Watch Program starts

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Staff Writer

A Neighborhood Crime Watch in part of Dallas Borough got under-

way last Wednesday evening when neighbors, Elmer Bradshaw of the Luzerne County Crime Watch Association, Police Chief Ed Lyons, and patrolman Robert Jolley met at Franklin's Restaurant for their ini-

tial meeting.

About 35 residents of Park Street, Elizabeth Street and surrounding areas attended the meeting, where they heard Chief Lyons speak in favor of the watch and pledge the police department's support for the program.

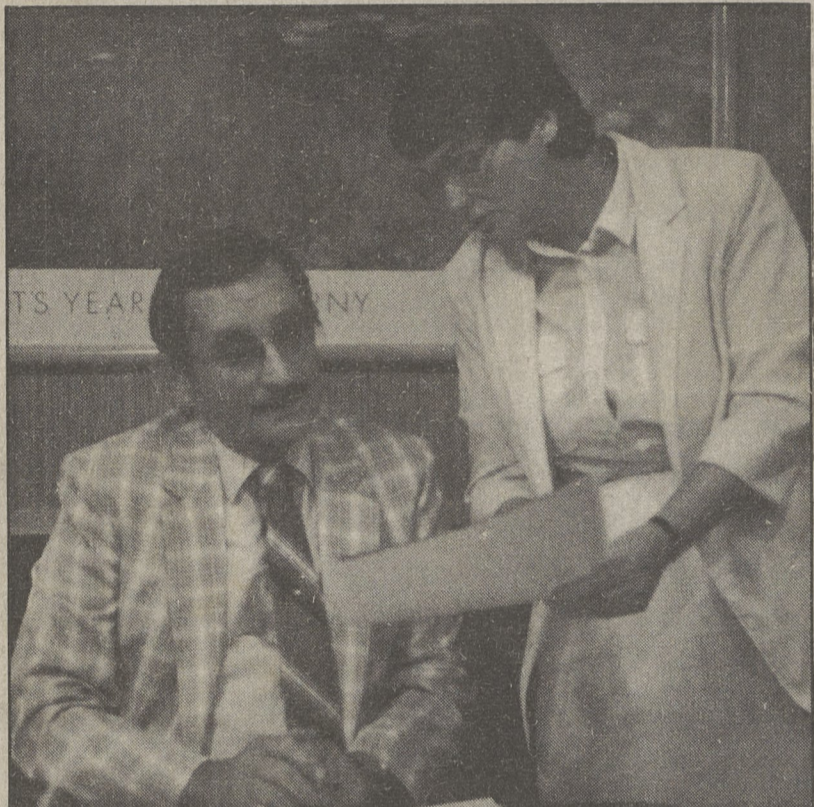
Along with receiving various tips in crime prevention about locks, lighting, etc., the residents were told to get their kids involved.

"Your children are out on the streets more often than you are," said Bradshaw, "so get them involved and get them educated about neighborhood crime and what they can contribute to your program."

Chief Lyons encouraged the residents to take advantage of five new engravers the police department has available to mark their valuables for easy identification. He also reminded those attending about the bicycle registration the Borough conducts, stating that very few Borough residents have taken advantage of the program.

According to the Chief, "Registration is conducted yearly up at the playground when the kids are out of school, but they can come into the department anytime to register their bikes." Lyons explained when the bike is registered, a sticker is put on the bike that will come off and that can be useful in recovering the bike if it is stolen.

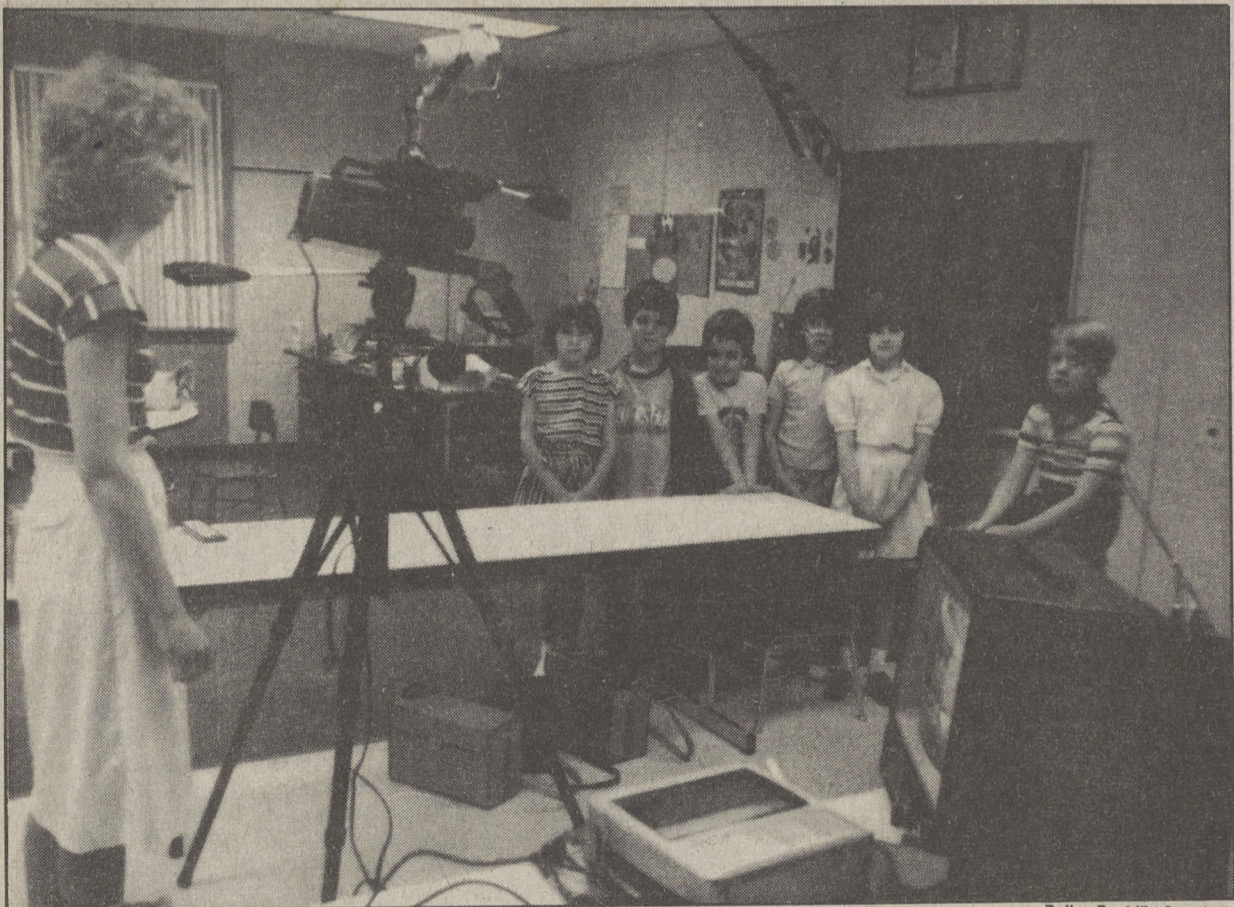
Residents told The Dallas Post they would like everyone in the Borough Heights section of Dallas involved in the Crime Watch. Anyone interested can call Polly Michael, chairperson of the program, at 675-2181.



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Discuss program

Polly Michael, right, of Dallas, and Elmer Bradshaw, chairman of the Luzerne County Crime Watch Organization, discuss plans of instituting neighborhood crime watch programs in the Park and Elizabeth Street sections of Dallas Borough. Ms. Michael, who is spearheading the neighborhood programs in that area of the borough, met with Bradshaw and other borough residents at a Crime Watch meeting last week at Franklin's Restaurant, Dallas. (Photo by Ed Campbell)



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Children taped

Videotaping of children, a program sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, was conducted at the school last week. Shown here during one of the taping sessions with Debbie Katyl, of Video Memoirs, are, from left, Kelly Lee Holcomb, Shane Lee Hunter, Barry Curtis Ide, Dianne Jones, Rachel Lynn Kaufman, and Timothy LaMotte Kehler.

PTA conducts taping program

By JUDIE MATHERS
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With the growing awareness of the incidences of missing or abducted children across this country, Lehman-Jackson PTA has continued and expanded its "Child Safety" program. Last year, the PTA conducted a finger-printing program which is updated yearly to include all new students at the elementary school. In addition, this year approximately 350 to 400 children have participated in a video-taping program.

Children whose parents have indicated they would like their child included in the program sit in front of a video recorder and, while they are being taped from a front view, state their name, parents' name, address, age, height, weight, and hair and eye color.

They then turn to the side for a right and left profile. The whole process takes just a minute or two, and a clear image of the child is permanently on record. The tapes are then kept locked at the school where they will be available to the parents or the police should a need arise for this kind of identification.

According to Mrs. Bonnie Turchin, president of the PTA and head of the program, the responses of the parents and kids has been very positive.

"Initially we conducted a survey of the elementary school to see how many parents would be interested," she explained. "Out of 576 that were questioned, only four parents objected. Next we sent home a sheet which was to be completed by the parents that requested the statistics on each child, parental permission to do the taping, and \$1.00 to cover the cost."

"The kids have been terrific," Mrs. Turchin continued. "Almost all of them have been briefed by their parents about the information they are to provide, and they seem to get a kick out of seeing themselves on the monitor. Sometimes, especially with the younger ones, they have to be encouraged to speak up, but it's really gone very well."

The Lehman-Jackson PTA contracted Debbie Katyl, of Video Memoirs, to do the taping, which is going to be updated every two years. PTA mothers have been assisting Debbie, and if all goes as scheduled, the taping will be completed today.



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'Bambi' in person

Staff members of The Dallas Post were treated to a guest appearance by a real-live 'Bambi' when Game Commissioner Ed Gdosky stopped by the newspaper offices with a three-week-old fawn. The fawn had been removed from the woods by a passer-by, however, Gdosky cautions against such practices.

'Bambi' visits Post

By JUDIE MATHERS
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Staff members and passers-by of The Dallas Post were treated to a rare occurrence last Friday when they had the rare opportunity to meet a real-live "Bambi."

Game Commissioners Ed Gdosky and John Booth came into the new offices of The Dallas Post, carrying a bundle - a perfectly beautiful three-week-old fawn.

While everyone shared in the delight of seeing one of nature's creations so closely and being able to touch the warm little body, they also shared a sense of sadness when Gdosky explained how they had come to have the wild animal in their possession.

It seems that someone had come upon the fawn lying in the woods near Lake Catalpa. Assuming that it had been deserted, this person picked up the deer and took it home. Then, three days later, they had called the Game Commission.

"This happens all too frequently," says Gdosky. "People pick up baby animals, not realizing that the mother is nearby. In the wild, mothers very seldom desert their young. They return to their babies only to find them gone. It's too bad, because it is very difficult to return the animals to the wild once they have become dependent on humans."

"Situations like this are on the increase", he continued. "We have received three calls just today involving baby deer or rabbits that someone has picked up. Actually, it's against the law. We haven't prosecuted anyone so far, but if it keeps up we are going to have to do something. Please - urge anyone who comes across a wild baby animal to leave it alone. The mother will return to it if you don't disturb it."

Game Commissioner Booth explained that the fate of this particular baby boy is up in the air as of right now.

"It will probably go to one of our licensed propagators and hopefully be able to return to its natural habitat, or it will be sent to State College where it will be kept in deer pens for on-going nutrition studies," Booth said. "Either way, it would have been better off if it had been left alone."

Remember, if you are tempted to pick up a wild baby animal - Mom is watching you!

At conference

Women 'join hands'

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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"Joining Hands" was the title of Mollalepula Chabaku's talk, keynote speaker at the Luzerne County Women's Conference Saturday at Penn State's Wilkes-Barre Campus.

The more than 200 women who attended the conference, in all probability, never heard a more vibrant

and "exciting" speaker. Those women who did not attend will never realize what they missed.

Ms. Chabaku set forth simply and clearly today's woman's role in society and the influence women can bring to bear on changing those things which need to be changed. She also emphasized the major role women can play in bringing about peace to all parts of the world. (See WOMEN, page 12)

Decision postponed

A special meeting called by the State Transportation Commission in Harrisburg which was to have included a decision on the completion of the Cross-Valley Expressway has been postponed until further notice.

According to Eric Levin, public relation spokesman for the District 40 division of PennDOT, this week the Pennsylvania General Assembly was to hold hearings for the appointment of Robert Wilburn to the head of the Turnpike Commission.

Because this appointment will have a large effect on many of the projects included in PennDOT's 12-year-plan, of which the Cross Valley is a part, the Governor requested that the Transportation Commission delay their meeting until after the resolution of the appointment. No new date for the meeting has been announced.



FRED POTZER

Township appoints manager

The appointment of Fred Potzer to the position of Manager of Kingstown Township will reportedly become official on June 12, the day the resignation of Mark Kunkle technically becomes effective. Potzer has been filling that position as assistant since May 22 when he began a brief orientation with Kunkle.

The Township Supervisors received many applications for the position as soon as the vacancy was announced and, after reviewing the applications, narrowed the field to six individuals who were interviewed. Potzer told The Dallas Post he received a letter from the Board stating that he had been selected shortly after his interview.

Fred Potzer, a life-time resident of Plymouth, has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government from King's College and is certified as a paralegal from Penn State University. He is a former secretary and coordinator for the Borough of Plymouth and, over the past year and a half, has held a consulting position with Marlene Pawlowski of Wilkes-Barre. In that capacity he was a planning consultant for many municipal projects, grant planning, etc.

Ed Price, Jr., Chairman of the Township Board of Supervisors, is expected to announce the appointment at the supervisors' regular meeting on June 12.

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