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Dallas Kiwanis Club recently presented the first portion of an \$1000 pledge to the Back Mountain Memorial Library Capital Gifts Campaign. Pictured at the presentation are Paul Selingo, Kiwanis First Vice president, Peter C. George, President of Dallas Kiwanis, Nancy Eckert, Back Mountain Library Board, and Cliff K. Parker, Kiwanis Treasurer.

Kilduff joins Post staff

John F. Kilduff has been named to a full-time staff writer's position at The Dallas Post, announced Dotty Martin, editor.

Kilduff, a resident of Kingston, replaces Judie Mathers, who resigned her position earlier this month to relocate to the Gettysburg area.

A graduate of Luzerne County Community College with an Associates Degree in Journalism with a Minor in Political Science, Kilduff received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism with a minor in Political Science from Shippensburg University in May, 1984.

Kilduff most recently was employed as a management assistant for the Department of the Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. He has also served as a staff correspondent for the Citizens' Voice, Wilkes-Barre, and as an assistant public information officer at Luzerne County Community College.

At The Post, Kilduff will be responsible for general assignment reporting as well as police and court news and borough council and township supervisors' meetings.



JOHN F. KILDUFF

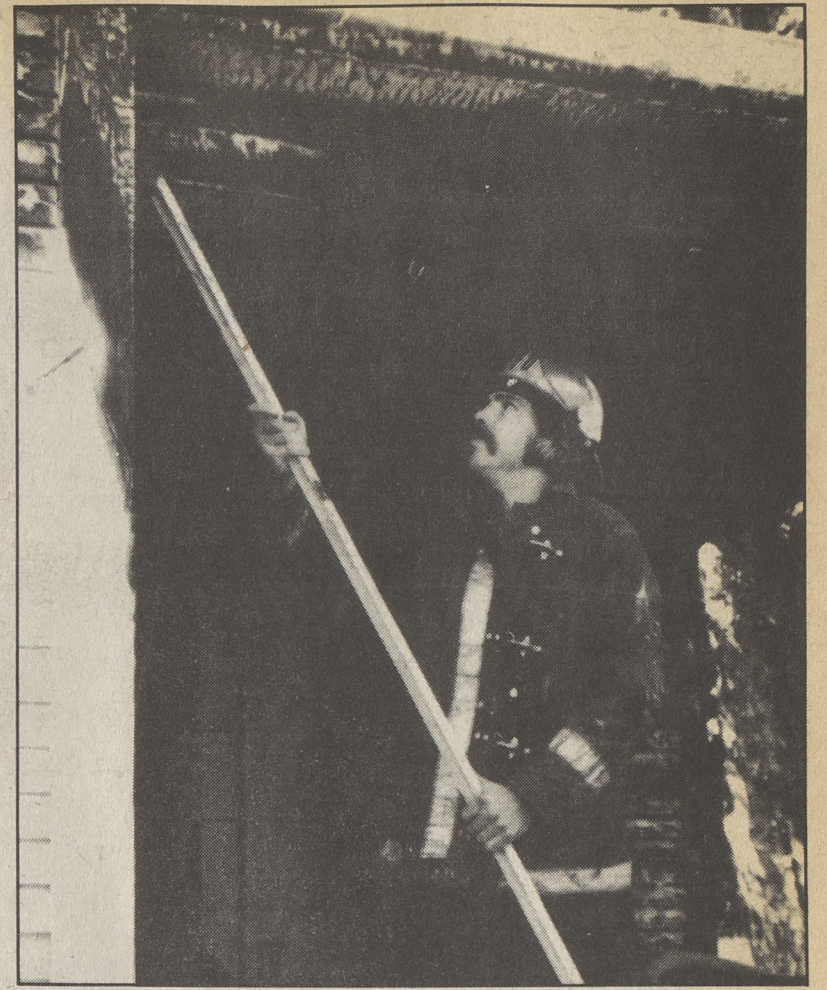
EDCNP plans to expand

For the sixth successive year, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP) continues its commitment to promoting exporting and international trade to businesses and industries in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Howard J. Grossman, Executive Director of EDCNP, announced that efforts are being made to expand export trade development in Luzerne County. Kinds of services offered in Luzerne County include: assessment of firm's product's potential for exporting to foreign markets; assessment and identification of foreign markets-buyers for a product; guidance on specific methods of exporting such as shipping, freight forwarding companies, export management companies; guidance on methods of exporting financing, letters of credit, proforma invoices; guidance on documentation requirements; use of Council's export library reference materials.

Grossman stated "that the EDCNP export promotion program can provide individualized export information and assistance to businesses who are new to export or expanding their current international markets. The EDCNP export program is also unique in that the Council's export specialist is a business firm's direct access to trade shows, seminars, trade information, foreign market statistics, regulations, and correspondence to foreign commercial posts, through a close relationship with the Pennsylvania and U.S. Departments of Commerce."

For additional information, contact Charles Naples, Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, PA 18640-3795, telephone (717) 655-5582.



Battling fire

Members of the Dallas Fire Department are shown here inside a home on Parrish Street, Dallas, which was severely damaged by fire Friday morning.

Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

New number

If the best things in life are free, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Hotline can be added to the list on July 1, when the service becomes toll-free.

Consumers dialing the new number - (800) 535-4555 - can get food safety tips for meat and poultry products and report problems experienced with such products. The toll-free hotline will operate from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT.

Area banks announce merger

Merchants Bancorp officials, Carl J. Feichtel, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and Harold J. Rose, Jr., vice chairman of the board and chief operating officer, announced that First State Bank of Scranton was merged into Merchants Bank, North, formerly Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes Barre, effective June 15, 1985. Rose is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the combined affiliate. David E. Dorsey is vice chairman and Barry C. Boyer is president of Merchants Bank, North.

According to Feichtel, "Merchants Bancorp acquired Wyoming and First State Banks because both banks have a history of being high-performance, community-oriented banks with well-established traditions of excellence in customer service. These acquisitions will enable the corporation to enhance its profitability and establish a strong presence in the Wilkes Barre-Scranton marketplace, a major northeastern Pennsylvania population center."

In a joint statement, Rose and Dorsey said, "As a result of the

merger, Merchants Bank, North has greater banking resources which will create more opportunities for our organization to help families and businesses in the Wilkes Barre and Scranton areas to prosper."

They continued, "Merchants Bank, North will continue the tradition of leadership in the community established by its predecessors and the same helpful, friendly people will continue to provide superior customer service and innovative service offerings."

Rose also explained the rationale for the selection of the name, Merchants Bank, North, for the combined affiliate. "The Merchants' name has come to stand for a progressive and profitable organization with dedication to community service, innovative financial products and high-quality customer service. The strength of the name, Merchants Bank, North, will help us establish a unified marketing approach in the bank's five-county marketplace."

Effective with the merger, Merchants Bank, North has total assets of \$560 million and 18 banking

offices in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

Rose announced the following individuals will serve as directors of Merchants Bank, North: Robert D. Barber, Barry C. Boyer, John N. Conyngham, James E. Crass, III, Victor A. Decker, III, Esq., David E. Dorsey, Carl J. Feichtel, I, Eric Feldman, Frank M. Henry, Richard C. Marquardt, Robert M. Osmun, Frank Phillips, Edmund H. Poggi, Jr., Harold J. Rose, Jr., Eugene Roth, Esq., Ronald W. Simms, Eugene T. Sobol and Donald L. Williams.

Rose also announced that the management of Merchants Bank, North will keep in touch with the needs of the communities in its five-county marketplace through its advisory committees. Members of these committees are business, civic and community leaders who will make recommendations and suggestions to the bank in its efforts to effectively serve local banking needs from the viewpoints of both businessmen and consumers.

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