



**Class of 1937**

The 22 members of the Dallas Borough Class of 1937 included 11 girls and 11 boys, many whose whereabouts are no longer known. Shown here, from left, first row, are Elsie Culp, Jane Knecht, Roberta Van Campen, Leila Cragle, Elsie Johnstone, Florence Kelley, Alberta Himmler, Gertrude Bertram. Second row, Robert Fleming, Richard Major, Vivienne Rogers, Betty Weid, Verna Sheppelman, Gerald Sullivan, William Neimeyer. Third row, William Mann, Albert Adelman, Kenneth Davison, Robert Hull, Raymond Kuderka, Sherman Mead and Carnes Harding. Local residents who may know the whereabouts of any of the above class members are requested to contact Gerald Sullivan, Ray Kuderka, Atty. Robert Fleming, or William Mann, all residents of the Back Mountain except Sullivan who resides in Wilkes-Barre.

## Former Dallas cage coach 'comes home' from Alaska

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Correspondent

When Ernest Line of Wasilla, Alaska, former Dallas Borough High School basketball coach and history teacher, unexpectedly arrived in the Back Mountain last Thursday, it didn't take long for some of his former team members to get together and talk over old times with one of their favorite teachers and coach.

Line, whose home is about 40 miles north of Anchorage, had been in Bloomsburg to attend the 50th reunion of his Bloomsburg College class and, since he was such a short distance from Dallas, he decided to come here and find some of his former students.

Getting a call from Line, Gerald Sullivan, 1937 graduate and a member of the team immediately contacted as many members of the championship basketball team as possible and set up a meeting at the home of William Mann, Carverton, another class member, for Thursday afternoon. By 3:30 p.m., Atty. Robert Fleming, Ray Kuderka, Alvah Jones, Loren Fisk, Gerald Sullivan and Line had arrived at the William Mann residence and began to reminisce about their basketball days at the former Dallas Borough High School.

The six men and Robert Hull, Phillip Templin, Warren Culp, Fredrick Drake, Odell Henson, Clyde Veitch and Robert Gould comprised the team that took the Back Mountain League title in 1937. Most of them were also members of the team that took the title in 1936.

It was in 1936 that Ernest Line came to Dallas Borough directly from Bloomsburg State College where he played football, basketball and track, and accepted the position as history teacher, basketball and football coach.

During that first season, Line said he drilled the athletes and molded them into a championship team, thus giving them permanent possession of the league trophy.

In 1937, Line was again successful in putting together a strong team and the team won six of its eight games to tie Kingston Township for the league championship. A three-game series to determine the cham-

pionship was agreed upon and the first game was won by Dallas Borough, 25-17, on their competition's floor.

The second game was played at Dallas and the borough team won again, 34-23. Since Dallas Borough was the winner, the team represented the Back Mountain League in the P.I.A.A. playoff with Newport Township. Dallas lost 55-17 to end the roundball season.

Since most of the members of the basketball team were also members of the football team coached by Line, the group became a close-knit family and for several years kept in touch with each other, until careers, war, marriage, etc. kept them busy.

Only once in the past 46 years did they have a class reunion. A committee of local class members organized a 25th class reunion which was held at the Castle in 1962.

## Nackley named to position

InterMetro Industries Corporation, Wilkes-Barre, has announced the appointment of John G. Nackley to the position of Director of Marketing & Sales, Healthcare Division. He will be responsible for development objectives, policies and programs for marketing and sales activities, as well as coordinating the efforts of marketing and sales personnel in the Healthcare Division.

A 1974 graduate of King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Nackley holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics. He has also had extensive training in programming, systems analysis, marketing and management.

Prior to his appointment with InterMetro, Mr. Nackley served as Vice President - Sales & Marketing with Diamond Manufacturing Company, Wyoming, Pa.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, he now resides in Dallas, with his wife, the former Dena Capristo and their three children.

Since that time the class members have lost touch with one another and the men who met last Thursday decided it would be a worthwhile project to try to find out where their former classmates are and what they are doing.

There were 22 graduates in the class of 1937, 11 girls and 11 boys.

They were Elsie Culp, Jane Knecht, Roberta Van Campen, Leila Cragle, Elsie Johnstone, Florence Kelley, Alberta Himmler, Gertrude Bertram, Bettie Weid, Vivienne Rogers, Verna Sheppelman, Richard Major,

Gerald Sullivan, Robert Fleming, William Niemeyer, Robert Hull, Kenneth Davison, Raymond Kuderka, Albert Adelman, Sherman Mead, William Mann and Carnes Harding.



JOHN G. NACKLEY

## Dallas gets two patrolmen

By JOHN F. KILDUFF  
Staff Writer

Dallas Borough Police Chief Edward Lyons recently announced the hiring of two new part-time patrolmen.

The two new borough officers are Michael Valeta, a 17-year resident of West Nanticoke and Chris Purcell, 12 Marshall Drive, Dallas.

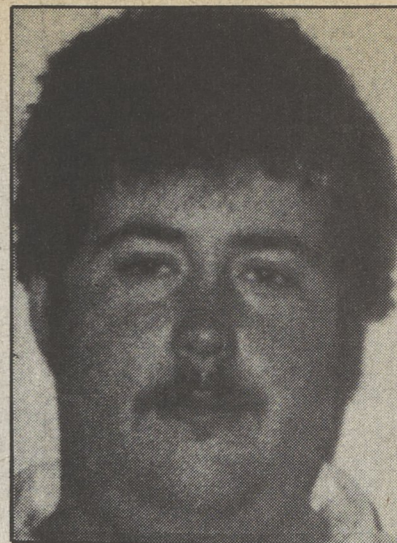
Valeta, 43, is a 1979 graduate of the Act 120, Pennsylvania Municipal Police Training Academy, Wyoming Pa., and had worked full-time as a patrolman from 1979-80 for the Nanticoke police department.

Currently, Valeta patrols on alter-

nating shifts in his new position with Dallas Borough as well as "swing-shifts" for Harveys Lake police, where he has been a part-time officer since April of 1982.

Valeta is a retired U.S. Army Sergeant, serving from 1958-1967, including a 12 1/2-month stint in Vietnam in 1966-67.

Purcell, 27, has been active for over nine years with Dallas Borough and Dallas Township Volunteer Fire Departments and currently plans to take the Act 120 Pennsylvania Municipal Police Training Academy within the next year. State regulations mandate the training be completed within a year after beginning part-time patrol duties.



CHRIS PURCELL

## 'Land Prints' looks at America

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN  
Special to The Dallas Post

Imagine a book which is a combination geological time machine, travelogue, geography lesson, photographic essay, urban planning textbook, yet written in a style which is not only educational, but entertaining. This is the book titled "Land Prints" by Walter Sullivan, a book which takes you through America, traveling by land and air and stopping at most of the scenic and exciting vistas across the continent.

Tiny segments of Northeastern Pennsylvania are identified, but the prevailing strength of the book is the ability to relate our current physical geography and natural features of the United States to the continental drifting and tectonics which slapped and slashed across the world millions and millions of years ago. Sullivan, with great patience and skill, takes the reader through floods, the ice age, glaciers, winds, volcanic eruptions and other forces which caused this continent to be what it is today.

The 394-page book reminds us of the gigantic upheavals which caused the smashing and splitting of continents many eons ago and the continuous changes which are taking place today especially along sea coasts and earthquake and volcanic prone areas of the continent. He delves into new techniques for charting layered structures within the earth the depth of several miles. As he states "it is a form of seismic, or vibrational, probing developed for oil prospecting. Fifteen ton trucks jack themselves up on platforms to apply their weight firmly to the ground, then shake the landscape at a variety of frequencies. The vibrations, after penetrating deep into the earth, are recorded along a line of stations." A number of such surveys have been done by an alliance of academic, oil-company, and government scientists called COCORP (Consortium for Continental Reflection Profiling).

Crater impacts are featured in the book as shapers of the land including the huge meteor crater—a giant scoop blasted out of the flat, generally treeless Arizona plateau six miles south of Interstate 40. It is three miles in circumference and almost deep enough to hide the

Washington monument." Sullivan spreads his knowledge of the North American landscape across pages of description and facts to capture the imagination of many Americans who have not had the opportunity to cross the continent.

He points to the glacial changes which have occurred over millions of years to cause and produce some of the world's most spectacular plunge pools and potholes. Potholes are gouged by water swirling with sufficient energy to batter the walls with stones and drill a deep shaft.

Utilizing Northeastern Pennsylvania examples, he states the following: "Six miles south of Scranton, Pennsylvania, along Route 6, there is a formidable pothole 38 feet deep and 42 feet wide. In Whirlpool Canyon, a third of a mile west of Pennsylvania Route 115 near Exit 47 on Interstate 81, a succession of seven potholes is known as The Tubs."

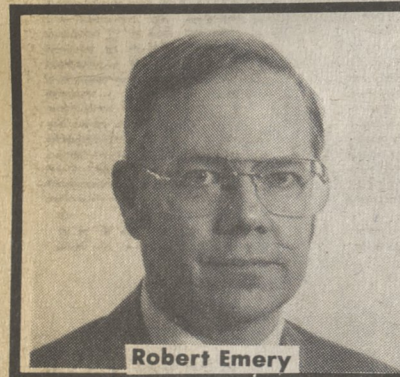
For those who want to acquaint themselves with the language of land Sullivan points to drumlins, kames and eskers. Kames are hills of glacial material that look as though sand has been dribbled from a narrow source, as sand in an hourglass, to produce an almost perfect cone. Eskers are narrow snaking ridges superimposed on the landscape. They were left by streams that flowed in tunnels under, or sometimes, on the ice. Drumlins are elongated hills, typically shaped like partly buried eggs or (as they are often called) whale backs. They occur in groups of tens to thousands, their long axes parallel to the form or direction of ice slope.

Karsts have similar features to what apparently is on the lunar surface. They take their name from the region of Yugoslavia, east of

Trieste where they are common. It is a pitted type landscape with many caverns or sinks.

Going beyond pure geology and geography, Sullivan talks about man-made features such as center-pivot irrigation systems which "have become a remarkable feature of the western states..." These are giant circles periodically sprinkled by a pipe, typically a quarter mile long, slowly swinging in a circle. The pipe is supported by self-propelled towers and intervals along its length. In a series of striking photographs, the center pivot system is shown to be a remarkable invention which is cost-effective and provides an irrigation system second to none in the world. He states that "so striking is the pattern formed by these ranks of green discs that in 1973 and 1974 they were repeatedly used for navigational reference by the orbiting skylab astronauts as they sailed by 270 miles overhead."

Sullivan is the science editor of the New York Times and author of several other books. "Land Prints" is a bible for those seeking intimate knowledge of the landscape we see, but do not necessarily understand. In Northeastern Pennsylvania's terms, it harkens back to the mid-1970's when a framework policy plan based on natural features of the region's landscape was prepared by the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP). The framework plan contains land prints which deserve close attention by all those concerned with the future of Northeastern Pennsylvania. It is a portrayal of things to come which signify how Northeastern Pennsylvania should direct its resources, both human and physical well into the 21st century. Sullivan's contribution is to make this planning and



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