



Township honored

Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol, center, and Township manager Fred Potzer, right, recently received the coveted "Pedestrian Safety Award" from Wyoming Valley A.A.A. President Aldo Franconi. The citation, which is one of the top 320 awards presented by A.A.A. Federation during its 46th Annual Pedestrian Safety Program, was given to Kingston township for safeguarding Route 309 for the past five years without a fatality.

POLICE BLOTTER

Unknown vandals caused approximately \$4,500 worth of damage to a John Deere tractor at the Orchard

View Terrace construction site last Wednesday, Dallas Township police reported.

new law and a \$50 to \$200 fine for second-time offenders.

Obituaries

ANNA KINGSBURY

Mrs. Anna L. Kingsbury, 77, of Benton, RD 1, died October 13 at her home.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Betty Remley, Benton, RD 3; son, Dale B., Benton, RD 1; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Charles Laycock, Benton, RD 1.

Funeral services will be held today at 1 p.m. from the Dean W. Kriner Inc. Funeral Home, Benton, with her pastor, Furman E. Doty, officiating. Interment will be in Mossville Cemetery.

LAUREN BARRY

Lauren Elizabeth Barry, infant daughter of Francis J. Barry Jr. and the former Susan Olinatz, of 157 Church St., Dallas, died October 13 shortly after birth in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her sister, Erin, Dallas; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Olinatz, Jackson Township; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Barry Sr., Dallas.

Funeral services were held October 15 at the convenience of the family. Interment, St. Mary's Byzantine Cemetery, Dallas.

HELEN NESS

Mrs. Helen A. Ness, 86, of 94B Kirkendall Road, Shavertown, died October 12 at her home.

Surviving are her daughters, Mrs. Helen N. Evans, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Ruth N. McDermott, Teaneck, N.J.; Mrs. Nancy N. Figura, Oroville, Calif.; eight grandchildren; two great-granddaughters.

Funeral services were held October 15 from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, with the Rev. Frederic Eidam officiating. Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

LEO YANKOSKI

Leo J. Yankoski, 68, of Queen of Peace Road, Harveys Lake, died October 11 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital following an illness.

Surviving is his sister, Mrs. Florence Brin, Loyalville.

Funeral services were held October 15 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with Requiem High Mass in Good Shepherd Polish National Catholic Church, Plymouth, with the Very Rev. Senior Jan Chwiej, officiating. Interment, parish cemetery, West Nantioke.

VERNA ZIM

Mrs. Verna Zim, of 11 Firecut Road, Kingston Township, died October 14 at her home.

Surviving are daughters, Mildred Yanchick, at home; Mrs. Evelyn Pifer and Mrs. Ruth Frank, both of Middletown; a son, Charles Zim, of West Virginia; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Jennie Zopko, Van Nuys, California; Mrs. Adele Morelli, Swyersville; Mrs. Helen Sitar, Luzerne.

Funeral services will be held October 17 at 10 a.m. from the Lehman Funeral Home, 281 Chapel St., Swyersville, with the Rev. James A. Cara officiating. Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton. Friends may call today 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

JENNIE RUMMAGE

Mrs. Jennie Rummage, of 134 Jackson Road, Lehman, died October 13 in Leader West Nursing Center, Kingston.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Janice Blight, at home; one granddaughter, Mrs. Janis LEe Rosser, Reading; two great-grandsons, William and Christopher Rosser.

Memorial services will be held this evening at 8:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with Pastor Cliff C. Jones of the Huntsville Christian Church, officiating. Friends may call today at 7 p.m. until time of services.

Position created

Gary Beisel appointed to Safety Officer post

By JOHN F. KILDUFF
Staff Writer

Armed with nearly 20 years of active service with the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company, Fire Chief Gary Beisel will man a newly appointed Fire Prevention and Safety Officer post for Kingston Township.

Beisel, of 416 Carverton Road in Trucksville, was named to the new position during last Wednesday night's Kingston Township board of supervisors meeting.

Beisel is currently a full-time patrolman for the Kingston Township police force and has spent the last four years as Shavertown's Fire Chief. Beisel has over 15 years of fire-fighting experience with the Shavertown fire company.

"Basically, my duties will involve trying to enforce the township's (Kingston Township) fire codes and to prevent some kind of disaster," said Beisel Friday morning.

"Fire protection has long been to me a sore subject," explained Beisel. "I have always felt that it (fire protection) should not be something that is left to slid. Fire protection is much too important an issue to neglect," said Beisel.

Beisel holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from King's College and recently completed his Associates degree work at Luzerne County Community College earning a Fire Science diploma. The Kingston Township patrolman said he hopes he can help avoid any tragic fires like Sweet Valley's Thomas' Guest Home blaze.

"There are an awful lot of fires waiting to happen that can be avoided," said Beisel. "However, if you sit back and allow them (fire hazards) to go unchecked eventually you will have a disasterous fire on your hands."

According to Kingston Township manager Fred Potzer, many homeowners have been installing wood burning stoves in order to cut their winter heating bills. Many of the wood-burning stoves are improperly installed and pose a serious fire hazard.

Due to the wood-burning stoves, many insurance companies are requiring homeowners to have the stoves inspected before issuing insurance. Beisel, in his new Fire Prevention and Safety position, will now do such inspecting for homeowners. Also, Kingston township now requires all homeowners to obtain a permit from the township prior to installing a wood-burning device.

In addition to the wood-burning stoves, Beisel will be advising area business, as well as homeowners, as to potential fire hazards and their possible remedies.

"I have always wanted to be involved in fire services for many years," Beisel said. "It is something that I enjoy very much because you can really help people and protect your community."

Beisel described his new position as "an extended arm" of fire protection for the township. "Hopefully I will help prevent fires like the one out in Sweet Valley," Beisel said.

Beisel will not receive a salary for the Fire Prevention slot but will receive expense payments for any work involving fire prevention.

Police chief Carl Meirs said the vandals ripped wiring from underneath the control panel of the tractor and the "hot-wired" the tractor and drove it over an embankment.

The tractor is owned by Floyd Milbrodt of RD 4, Dallas. Milbrodt is a contractor doing excavation at the Orchard View Terrace site. Patrolman Elliot Ide investigated.

A Wilkes-Barre resident escaped injury last Tuesday when his truck hit an embankment and flipped over on its side near the intersection of Carverton Road and West Eighth street, Kingston Township police reported Monday.

Escaping with only minor cuts and bruises from the accident was Gerald G. Decker Jr. of 42 Birch Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Decker was driving a 1969 Ford truck owned by Kuharchik Construction Inc. of Exeter.

Decker told police he was traveling north on West Eighth street and was attempting to turn left onto Carverton Road, when an unknown vehicle "cut in front of him" causing the accident.

Kingston township police report that Decker skidded approximately 100 feet before flipping the truck over on its side. The truck came to a resting point in the middle of the eastbound lane of Carverton Road.

Dallas Township Chief Carl Meirs said Monday that all area residents owning and operating All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) must register them with the local police departments.

The ATVs, said Meirs, are now being treated like snowmobiles and they must be registered due to recent changes in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.

The cost of registering your ATV is \$20 for two years. The owner of a ATV will receive a registration sticker similar to those sold for snowmobiles.

Meirs said there is a \$25 to \$100 fine for first-time offenders of the

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