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Cable TV project still considered

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Despite an 11th hour decision by Century Communications to pull out of its deal to hook-up outlying areas of Kingston Township with cable television, those residents will probably still be receiving the service from another company, hopefully within the same one year time frame.

Tele-Media Communications from State College, Pa. will apparently take over Dallas Cablevision Inc., providing the company meets the same requirements as those outlined for Century.

Century, an affiliate of Sentry Insurance, a multi-million dollar mutual company of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, pulled out of the deal just one hour before last Wednesday night's Kingston Township Supervisors meeting when business manager Fred Potzer received a call from Walter Kinash, Eastern Regional operations manager for Century, informing him not to go ahead with the public reading of the contract (the contract must be read at two public readings before being approved).

Kinash told him that he received a call from Century, advising him to tell Potzer to postpone the reading. Last Friday afternoon, Kinash again phoned Potzer, telling him the sale between Century Communications and Dallas Cablevision is off.

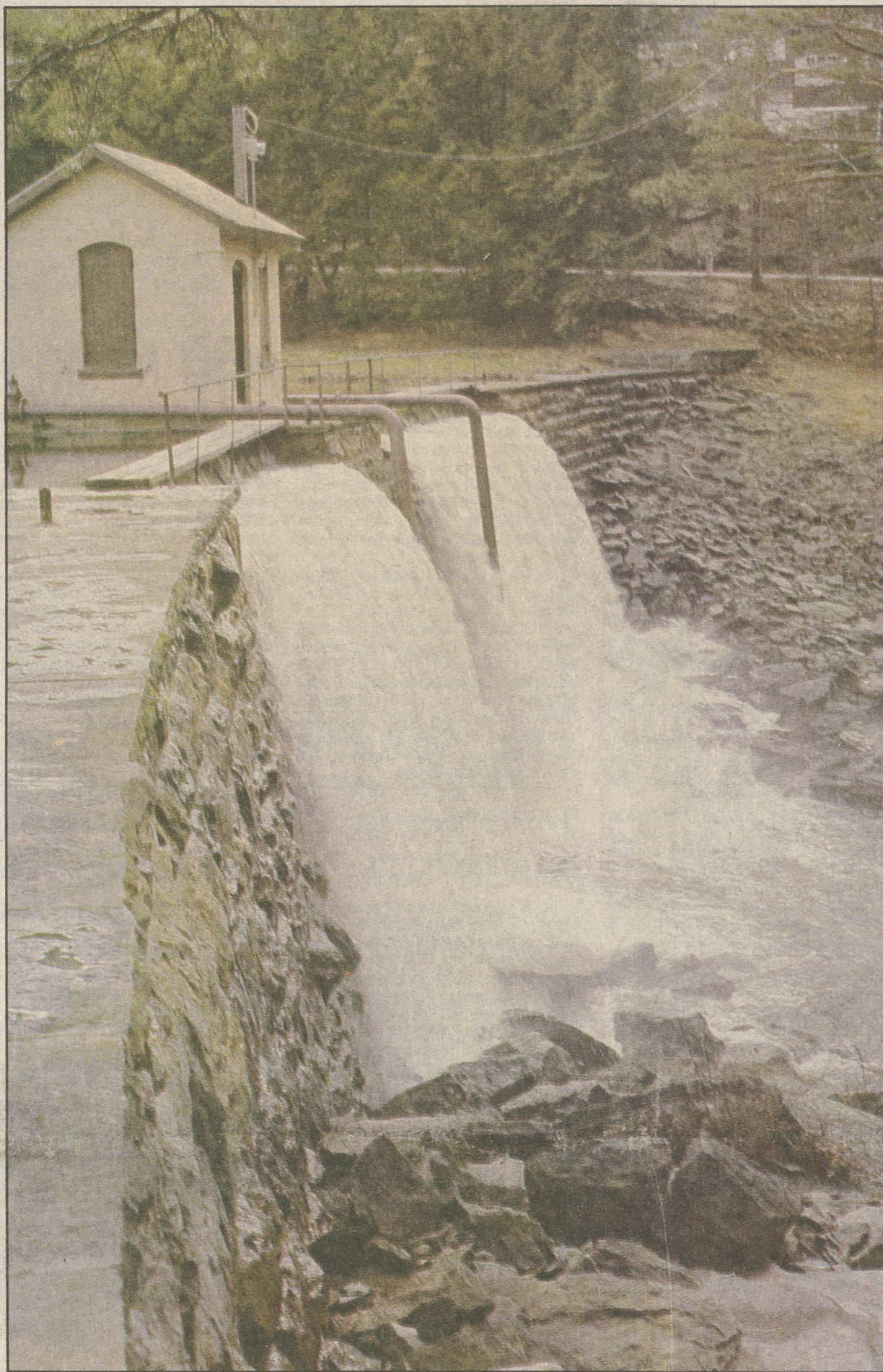
"They said there were problems with time delays," Potzer said. "Dallas Cablevision wanted to close the deal, but Century said they were waiting for franchise agreements to be signed. But I think it's a smoke screen for something else."

"And it's really unfair to the towns who have put so much work into this project. Between Dallas Boro, Dallas Township and Kingston Township, we probably have \$3,000 tied up in this deal. But it was something we had to go through with because we were going to be dealing with that company for the next 13 years."

"And I'm the only one who knows anything about it," Potzer continued. "Dallas Borough and Dallas Township only know what's been in the paper. They still have not been informed by anyone from the company. We still haven't received a call from Century telling us the deal is off. I think that's a poor way to run a business."

Despite the setback, Back Mountain residents will most likely receive the service from Tele-

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Springy sight

The Huntsville Dam, an awesome sight no matter what time of year, is beginning to look a little like Spring these days. With all the rain our area has seen during the past few weeks, the water is flowing rapidly while the trees in the background are becoming more green by the day.

Officials examine 'rock cut' section of local Route 309

By JOHN HOINSKI
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State and local officials from the Back Mountain met last Sunday afternoon at the "rock cut" section of Route 309 to examine hazardous conditions existing there, including the lack of lighting.

The stretch of road in question, a half mile strip starting from Wasserott's in Courtdale to just below Franklin's gas station in Kingston Township, has been the scene of over 100 accidents dating back to 1982.

On Sunday, officials, including State Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr. and Rep. Frank Coslett, met at the site to review project maps from PennDOT and to discuss solutions to the existing problems.

Recommendations have been sent to PennDOT officials, who were not present at the meeting, to install overhead sodium lights and appropriate directional or lighting devices around the curve generally known as "rock cut."

Kingston Township alone has recorded 100 accidents in that area since 1982 with Courtdale police logging another 25 more during the same period. What makes the latter figure so startling is that Courtdale only has a part-time force.

"It was a timely date to look at the area because it also brought the attention of three mud slides that

occurred because of the hard rain we had on Friday," Kingston township business manager Fred Potzer said.

"That area is not well lit to begin with. Even with the headlights of a car, you can't see too far ahead. And that could be a problem if there is mud on the road. If someone has to slow down or is rounding the curve, they could easily slide off the road."

The downpour also caused rocks to dislodge from the mountain, with one of them striking the car of a passing motorist on Saturday afternoon. In addition, the rain once again allowed the reoccurring fog problem to surface. Because of the creek that lies just off the road, rainy weather often causes fog to set in between the mountains.

Leaders hope to meet with Mike Ryan, district engineer from PennDOT, in the near future to assess the problems and to look at design plans. They say they would like to make PennDOT aware of the gravity of the situation before they begin their repair season.

Those meeting at the site on Sunday along with Lemmond and Coslett were: Lisa Baker, administrative assistant to Lemmond; Kingston Township manager Fred Potzer; Supervisors Herb Hill, Daniel Wisniewski and Edward Price Jr.; Police Chief Paul Sabol; patrolman Mike Moravec and Courtdale Police Chief, Gary Nicholas.

Lemmond announces flood bill amendment

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Just one day after being criticized by state Senatorial candidate Charles Kirkwood for his part in a flood aid bill, Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr., R-Dallas, announced last week the Senate has approved an amended version of that bill which will provide aid for flood and tornado victims in those affected areas of the state, including Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Under the \$15 million dollar package, low and middle-income homeowners here could receive up to \$12,500 for damages to personal property inflicted by Hurricane Gloria last September.

Last Tuesday, Kirkwood from Monroe County, who will challenge Lemmond for the 20th District Senatorial seat in the May 20 primary, rapped the Dallas resident for sending House Bill 66 to the Senate

Appropriations Committee last December, a move that Kirkwood felt would kill the measure. Lemmond was also accused by Senate Democrats of being the swing vote in a 24-23 vote on the bill to send it to the committee.

But last Wednesday, Lemmond announced a Senate version of the flood aid package was moved out of the Senate over to the house for concurrence.

"With the support of the Senate leadership, I helped develop legislation which will truly bring flood aid to affected residents of Northeast Pennsylvania," Lemmond said. "Ironically, this success comes at a time when my political opponent has been sharply critical of my working within the system."

The former Luzerne County Common Pleas Court judge said he and other senators from battered districts have been working for the past two months on the package, (See FLOOD, page 2)



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Ground broken

Shown here at groundbreaking ceremonies at Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Campus on Monday are, from left, Donald Smith, developer, Smith Miller Associates; Jacqueline Walton, student; Donna Holman, housing manager; Phyllis Belk, director of public relations; David Austin, student and maintenance; John Baloga, director of business services; Scott Novatnak, student; Douglas Trumbower, vice president, Smith Miller Associates; and John Murphy, director of student services.

Ground broken for PSU housing unit

Student housing availability will double with the start-up of a second off-campus student housing unit at Penn State Wilkes-Barre this month. The complex known as Nittany Woodlands provides housing specifically for Penn State Wilkes-Barre students and is owned by University Housing Partnership.

Architect for the project is Donald Miller of Smith, Miller and Associates of Kingston. Groundbreaking for the second unit took place

Monday, March 17. The first unit opened in August of 1985, in time for occupancy for the fall school semester. The site is adjacent to the western wall of the campus and is within walking distance from the campus library and science building.

Like the first unit, the new two-story building will contain 8 apartments, each designed to house six people. Each apartment has 3 bed-

rooms and 2 baths.

According to Director of Student Programs John Murphy, "Having the additional housing available, opens up a whole new realm of possibilities for students who want to come to Penn State Wilkes-Barre but don't want to commute. They have all the advantages of a major university but in a quiet country setting with housing just a short distance away."



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Examining reports

Rep. Frank Coslett and State Sen. Charles D. Lemmond review project maps from PennDOT last Sunday at the "rock cut" section along Rt. 309. The portion of highway has been the scene of over 100 accidents since 1982 and officials would like to see lights installed and other modifications made to make the road safe.

Miss Elizabeth Williames selected to Scout program

What a way to celebrate Girl Scout Week! Five young women from Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council have been selected to participate in Wider Opportunities.

What are Wider Opportunities? They are the chance to experience Girl Scouting in different circumstances and surroundings like another country or another part of the United States. A Girl Scout who

is accepted for one of these programs can look forward to a rewarding and exciting challenge, and to having fun!

Senior Girl Scout Elizabeth Williames, a member of Troop 634, Trucksville, will be a member of the U.S.A. Patrol (12 girls and two adults), to the 1986 Austrian International Camp at Lillienfeld, Austria.

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