

Duda is candidate

Michael J. Duda, of Larksville, is a candidate seeking election to the Democratic State Committee.

Born and raised in Kingston, he presently resides at 300 Wilson Street, Larksville, with his wife Barbara and children Robyn and Lee Michael. He attended Wyoming Valley West High School and York College of Penna. and is a member of St. John the Baptist Church, Larksville.

Active in supporting local recreation projects, he is also a member of the Larksville Mini Basketball league.

He is associated in business with his family at Glen Carbonic Gas Company and Glen Bottling Company a family owned and operated business in Larksville for over 50 years.

As an active member of the community, he is serving his second term on the Larksville Borough Council, presiding as Chairman and is presently the Larksville Borough Town Chairman.

Also he serves as Secretary of the Democratic Fourth District and is a member of the Greater West Side Democratic Club.



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Man injured

Richard A. Dana, RD 1, Box 144 Hunlock Creek, was slightly injured when his truck was forced to swerve to avoid a collision Saturday night in Kingston Township. According to reports, Dana was operating his 1972 Chevy Custom truck west on Hillside Road when he was forced to swerve away from an unknown oncoming vehicle. Dana did avoid the collision, driving off into the berm where he hit a guard rail and fence. He received minor injuries.

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tising for buying and other things, too. But if your daughter wants her job back, there's no problem."

Grieves, who also serves on the recreation committee, says the girls will be re-hired.

"They have been re-hired," he stated. "We (Brobst and Montross) had a meeting and decided to hire three girls. That center is visited by kids who live in the township, so I don't see why we shouldn't hire the girls."

Pope said yesterday that as far as he is concerned it's a dead issue and the four in question (Jill Radzinski, Amy O'Donnell, Sheri Ciccarelli and Chris Dombek, (although it is possible that one of the four may not return) will be re-hired.

"I met with Byron Grieves, Harold Brobst and Ted Montross a week ago Sunday and we discussed the program. We agreed the four had done an excellent job and would be hired again this year.

"I know Tim (council member Tim Carroll) has been making statements that have angered some people. But as far as I'm concerned it's a dead issue," Pope continued.

"It is my understanding that council members usually follow the advice of members who make up committees, whether it be the road department or whatever, and usually follow the recommendations of that particular committee."

Pope said borough council began hiring township people a few years ago when one girl, who resided in

the borough and who had been on the Burndale staff, left to accept a position at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. Pope says the council

looked for replacements from the borough, but couldn't find any.

Jill Radzinski, who lived just up the street, but on the township side of the line, was interested in the job and filled in for her. The same thing happened a year later, which is how O'Donnell became involved in the program.

"These girls have done an excellent job," Pope stated. "I don't think they should be released because they live on the other side of the street. Our first concern is hiring quality people, and I made my feelings known."

"I can understand what Timmy is saying by wanting to hire borough people," Pope added. "And if he wanted to do that after these girls left, I see no problem with that."

"But as far as I'm concerned it's a dead issue, unless someone makes a monkey out of me and they're not re-hired."

Council member Russell Stone said he was not aware of the problem and is also unaware if there is a split among council members. When told of Carroll's position, Stone said he could see his point, but is uncommitted at this time.

"The last I knew of it we had discussions at the last meeting, but I believe they couldn't find people from the borough to fill the jobs. But I could see his point. I have nothing against the girls, but if

someone from the borough applied I think they would have to be given consideration. But I'm also concerned with hiring qualified people. We don't want to jeopardize the safety of the kids."

Said Pope, "We don't want to risk the safety of the kids by hiring someone who is not qualified. That has happened once or twice in the past. But with these people we had last year we know they are quality workers and have done an outstanding job."

Radzinski, currently a freshman at Penn State University at State College, says she sent in her application a month ago to Grieves, but so far has not heard whether she will be re-hired, but says she is counting on the job.

"This is my job that's helping me pay for college," Radzinski said. "It's kind of tough to get a job, so if I don't get it I don't know what I'm going to do. Plus, I'm majoring in recreation and Parks, so I'm doing work that's in my field."

Nonetheless, Carroll says the jobs should be advertised. "I think bor-

ough jobs should be given to borough residents," he stated. "And it's no grudge, I know these girls and I have nothing but praise for them. But it's just good business practice. We have to answer to the people who pay taxes. They are the people who elect us. But if no one applies for these jobs, then I don't see any problem in hiring these girls."

The issue will probably be voted on at the next monthly meeting, which is held the third Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m.

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investigating a burglary ring, for example, and no other department knows about it. But some one else might be investigating the same type of problem and they may be related. So you can end up doing the same work for twice the money.

"But, I think the two big barriers are the police chiefs themselves and the elected officials. Naturally there would only be one police chief so it would cut down on titles. And as far as the elected officials are concerned, if they could see, in the long run, the overall advantages in relation to cost, it would be cheaper."

Dallas Borough Police Chief Ed Lyons and Sabol, however, do not necessarily agree the idea is a good one.

"I'm not taking an anti-position, but I'm not much for it," Sabol explained. "To me, bigger does not necessarily mean better. We don't have any problems here and if we do need assistance, we usually call the state police or the DA's office. If they wanted to have three separate forces, one on the East side, West side and the Back Mountain, I would be in favor of that."

Lyons sees other problems.

"I have mixed emotions about it because there are a number of things to consider," he stated. "What about the pension system, for example. Departments vary where some would benefit and others wouldn't from a Countywide Force. I think you would have to examine all the plans. Then there is municipal integrity. I get at least 25 calls a day without fail. Some are directly related to police matters and some aren't. But people depend on us for information. We deal with social and economic problems, too."

"Then there is the fiscal problem. There are some towns that are richer than others. So how do you decide who pays what? Should a

small town pay as much as a larger one? Smaller towns usually operate on a more stringent budget," Lyons continued.

"But as far as the cop on the street thing, I don't see a problem with a Countywide Force there, but these are other issues that have to be ironed out."

Miers says he would be in favor of the idea if it is handled properly.

"If it is done the right way, I'm 100 percent for it. If it isn't, I'm not," he stated.

"One way of approaching it would be to set up a regionalized police force based on magisterial districts where one force would handle the communities in that particular district."

Miers also says two advantages of a County Wide Force would be the standardization of the training of police officers and that it would also make it easier to work on different types of crimes.

"Sometimes, the people you are investigating know who the local police are so it's hard to keep them under surveillance. But if there was a County Wide Force, maybe officers could be sent up from Hazleton, for example, and it would make the job a lot easier."

But like everyone else, Miers sees funding as a major problem, more so than the political end. "Up here there is no political pressure," the 17-year veteran said. "Our Council members don't tell us who to vote for or what party we belong to. We are never pushed."

"But there is the problem of standardizing wages. Regular police officers would be happy with that because their salaries would generally increase. And there is also the pension problem. Right now some are solvent and some are not."

"But if it's going to work, the people have to want it on the county and local level."

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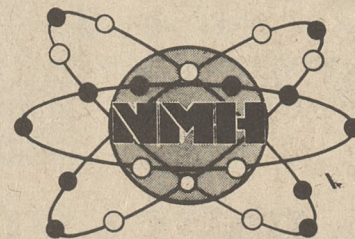
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