

## Police try to halt speeding

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Dallas Borough police have begun cracking down on motorists exceeding the town's speed limit in an effort to put an end to a problem that residents say has become a life-threatening situation.

At the Borough council's monthly meeting last week, Jay Pope, of 165 Huntsville Road, told board members the problem has become so severe that he and his wife will no longer allow their son to play in the front lawn.

"Automobiles have landed in our front yard four times this year," Pope stated. "The telephone pole has been sheared off twice. Now, we are going to put up a protective fence to keep motorists off our property. A couple of cars have already come close to taking off our front porch."

"And it's not just young people," Pope continued. "It's old people, middle aged people, all of the age

groups are guilty. The problem is causing tremendous concern among residents."

Councilman Tim Carroll said the board is aware of the situation and that steps to rectify the matter will soon be taken. Some of those steps have already been taken and now police are out clamping down on offenders with the help of a newly installed VASCAR unit.

"We will use it in different places so people won't become familiar with where we are all the time," Carroll said. We have had many reports of people speeding, but I think within a month you will see a big difference."

"Once word gets around, people will begin to obey the speed limit signs," councilman Russell Stone added.

In other business, the board: — Met with officials from the Dallas Acme concerning the traffic problem with motorists pulling out of the lot onto Church and Foster Streets which abut it, causing traffic congestion. Borough Solicitor



### Colorful sight

A scene from last year's Great Balloon Race provides a rather colorful sight as those in attendance view several hot air balloons. This year's race is set for Saturday, September 27, on the campus of College Misericordia.

## Balloon Race scheduled for Saturday

The second annual Great Balloon Race, Northeast PA's only major hot air balloon competition, takes flight on Saturday, September 27, from the campus of College Misericordia in Dallas.

Co-sponsored by Custom Management Corporation (CMC) and the General Foods Corporation, the Great Balloon Race will feature 16 hot air balloons, representing local insitutions in an authentic hare and hound competition. This year's race is also sanctioned by the Balloon Club of America as a 1986 Pennsylvania State

Championship Qualifying Event.

Aerial festivities will be complemented with many on-the-ground attractions featuring the nationally acclaimed Crystal Light Aeobic Dancers, the Ultra-Lights, music, refreshments, live radio broadcast, tethering rides (weather permitting), clowns, mimes, puppets and children's games. Activities are scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. with the balloon lift off at 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts and the following participating institutions: Birchwood Nursing Home, College Misericordia, Luzerne-

Wyoming counties Office for the Aging, Mercy Hospital Wilkes-Barre, Moses Taylor Hospital, Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital-Carbondale, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Wyoming Seminary Upper School and Wyoming Valley West High School.

In addition, a special drawing will be held on the day of the race providing one lucky person the chance to ride in a hot air balloon during the competition. All balloons will be manned by licensed professional pilots.

Rain date is Sunday, September 28, 1986.

## Insalaco's Markets begins interviewing

Insalaco's Market began interviewing prospective employees last week for its new store located at the County Club Shopping Center in Dallas, tentatively scheduled to open by mid-November.

Last Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and again between 4 and 8 p.m., throngs of people lined up at

the Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas to fill out job applications in hopes of becoming one of the 70 to 80 persons the company expects to employ at its new building located on Route 309.

"We had hundreds of people here when we began this morning," said (See BEGINS, page 2)



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## House is razed; fields are finished

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The work on the Dallas School District's new soccer field for the high school varsity team has been completed and another phase of the District's long range plan for future development was underway last week with the razing of the former Newman house which was part of property owned by the school district.

Most of the work on the soccer field was done by the active U.S. Marine Corps and the Marine Reserve Corps which volunteered its services in leveling the field. In addition, much of the finishing work was made possible by other community volunteers, who donated the use of equipment or labor. The field is constructed according to P.I.A.A. regulations and, now that the grading and seeding is completed, will soon be the home field of the Dallas High School varsity soccer team.

With closing of the Dallas Township Elementary building, officials of the district decided to use the building for a central storage facil-

ity. The central area will make it easier to take inventory and to check supplies and equipment in and out, according to Property Committee Chairman Harry Sickler.

District board members recognized that soccer is a growing sport in the local area as is numerous other youth athletics and anticipated a need for additional athletic fields in their long range planning.

The barns behind the former Newman house and the house itself were deteriorating and, without renovations at an enormous expense, these buildings could become hazardous in the near future. As a result, district board members approved the razing of the buildings and leveling the ground thus eliminating the cost of maintenance and upkeep of the old structures.

The razing of the buildings increases additional space for additional athletic and recreation fields and tentative plans of the board of directors are to take out the stone wall between the Intermediate building and the former Newman property to make additional recreation area for the students in the Intermediate building.

## Knights plans Rosary Rally

The Combined Knights of Columbus Councils of Wyoming Valley, which include Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Nanticoke, Luzerne, Lake Silkworth and Dallas, will conduct their Tenth Annual Rosary Rally on Sunday, Sept. 28. Host council is

Nanticoke 913. Theme for the gathering is "Eucharistic Reparation."

Those interested in joining the march are asked to assemble at the Zayre-Sunshine parking lot, Route 309, and Spring Street, Wilkes-Barre, at 2:30 p.m.

### Making room for change

The former Newman home, property of the Dallas School District, is no longer needed for a district school board secretary's office nor for storage of files or equipment, so last

week the house was razed to the ground in preparation for change. Plans are being finalized to use the ground for more play area for students of the intermediate school and for more athletic fields in the future.

## Parents Without Partners unites those who are alone

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In 1957 two mothers, who had recently lost their husbands, sat on a beach along the ocean in New York watching their children playing nearby. They began talking with one another and, in the course of their conversation, discovered that they both had similar problems in making friends and mixing with groups since their husbands were gone.

After some discussion, they decided to try to organize a group of some kind and encourage others in similar circumstances to join and, perhaps, in some way, form a support group for others like them. They placed an advertisement in a daily paper inviting others to contact them. They received very little

response from that first ad but, refusing to give up, the two women continued to advertise and also talked to other widows or divorcees. Before long, they had enough interested people with some of the same needs and that year, 1957, the organization, Parents Without Partners, was born.

The organization was successful and so well-received that it began to mushroom and today there are more than 1,000 chapters of Parents Without Partners across the country.

There is a local chapter in Wyoming Valley which meets regularly at the Parsons VFW. The local Chapter #961 was founded in 1975 and members first met in a church on North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre.

Both men and women without partners, widowed, divorced or



### Single parent

Mary Ann Daley is a member of Parents Without Partners and mother of seven children she raised by herself.

single parents, belong to the organization which is a form of support group to help these adults through some troubled times. The parents are able to share problems with one another as these problems arise.

For the first time, Governor Richard Thornburgh of Pennsylvania has declared September as Parents Without Partners Month in the Commonwealth, and Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas McLaughlin signed a proclamation designating September as Parents without Partners Month.

The local chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month and usually has a speaker whose topic is related to social education or family activities. There are also weekly activities for the adult and family with the focus on the children.

Many family activities are planned for Sundays since Sunday is

the day when many fathers have their children.

Since Parents Without Partners is a type of support group for parents, coffee and conversation meetings are held regularly so parents may get together and discuss problems similar to those others might have. Although a specific topic is usually planned for these meetings such as "Making It Through the Holidays", "Dating", etc., these are discarded if someone has a specific problem they want to share and discuss.

One Back Mountain member, who joined for the family activities when her daughter was younger, used to have a holiday wine and cheese party at her home and, in the summer, a steak roast in her yard.

In the summer the members plan picnics or excursions to certain places. They go in groups so they feel more comfortable than if alone.

Speakers are scheduled for the meetings and among those speaking (See PARENTS, page 2)

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