

Police report

Dallas Borough 2-car crash on 309

Dallas Patrolman J. J. Drury was called to the scene of an accident November 25 on Route 309 in front of Evergreen Shopping Center, near Dorchester Drive, Dallas.

Officer Drury reported that Marie McHale of Narberth, Pa. was leaving the shopping center, trying to cross the highway when her vehicle was struck by one driven by Wayne C. Yeisley of Forty Fort. **Phone wires cut**

Anthony Ruggere, Parrish Street, Dallas, reported to Dallas Borough police on December 4, that the telephone wiring to his residence had been disconnected.

Dallas Township Home is burglarized

Patrolman Jeremy Torr reported that he investigated a burglary at the Earl Samuel residence on Lake Catalpa Road, Dallas, December 2. The victim reported that articles missing were a knife collection, cash and jewelry.

The investigation is continuing. **ATV stolen, damaged**

Charles Kern, Hickory Hills, Dallas, reported November 30 that a Quad ATV was taken from his property.

The Quad was recovered De-

ember 1 in damaged condition. **Jewelry reported stolen**

On November 28, Glenda Crabtree, Overbrook Road, Dallas, reported to Dallas Township police that sometime during the year, two cocktail rings and a heavy gold chain were taken from her home.

DUI killing suspect will return

Chief of Police Carl Miers reported that Richard T. Morgan, charged by local police with vehicular homicide and driving under the influence in the crash that killed Harveys Lake resident James McCaffrey, was apprehended by Mesquite, Texas police and after waiving extradition, Morgan will return to the Back Mountain where he will appear Friday, December 16.

Kingston Township Two injured in crash

Kingston Township police reported that Elizabeth D. Reed of Easton, was traveling south on Route 309 when her vehicle was struck in the side by a 1985 Chevrolet driven by Mark Stella of Pittston.

Police reported Stella was in violation of a traffic signal.

Kingston Township Rescue and Ambulance removed Reed and Angie Cragle, a passenger in the Stella vehicle to Nesbitt Hospital where they were treated for injuries.



Holiday contest

Harveys Lake Protective Association is conducting an outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest this year. Committee members, from left, are, Carol Llewellyn, Joyce Birt and Liz Sichler. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

DAMA

(continued from page 1) reconstructed plant will enhance waste treatment capabilities and increase the current capacity of the authority from 2.2 million to 3 million gallons per day. Treated waste water is discharged into Toby's Creek.

"The present flow is 1.84 million gallons per day, but we are now ready to increase capacity as well as address environmental concerns inherent in waste treatment," said Bagley.

DAMA recently announced a rate increase to help cover the cost of a government mandated treatment plant improvement. DAMA is required to update the existing treatment plant, which is currently a secondary treatment plant, and has a capacity of 85% to 90% waste water removal. The preliminary design figure for the improvement is \$5 million, which will be funded in part by a federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant. Construction on the project is slated to start next summer.

Bagley said that the environment and the cost of water purification is an important concern in running the authority.

"A major concern is cost versus benefit. No one is opposed to cleaning up the environment, but at what cost?" asked Bagley.

EPA grants are being scaled back, according to Bagley. DAMA received 55% funding for its advanced

treatment plant, one of the last EPA grants that will be given with that high a total cost percentage.

The authority manager said he did not think growing development in the Back Mountain will be a problem for DAMA, particularly since the authority is in the process of expanding its treatment capacity.

While DAMA has no political policy power or jurisdiction over environmental ordinances of Back Mountain municipalities, it develops a regional plan regarding operations and presents it to individual municipalities for adoption.

Existing ordinances suggested by DAMA and adopted by Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough help control potential growth problems. The cap sewer ordinance adopted in 1975 makes it mandatory for developers to install sewers prior to building homes, and another municipal ordinance requires residents to hook-on to sewer lines if they are within 150 feet of a home.

"Any time you have residential housing developments in close density you have to utilize a public sewer system. Most development would not take place without one," said Bagley.

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with the Bureau of Safety and Compliance prior to approval of the engineering study.

5. Dallas Water Company will file with the Bureau of Safety and Compliance updated reports every six months for a period of two years. Copies of these reports will be submitted to the office of the Consumer Advocate and John Molski.

Originally, the complainants asked in addition to the above requests that the company reimburse the five complainants monetarily for two quarters of service. They also asked that a ban on new connections be left in place until a new well to serve their area could be placed on line. The complainants cited 100 new households they claimed are planned for the area near their homes as a reason to limit new service from existing facilities.

These latter two stipulations did not become a part of the settlement.

The agreement will not be formally adopted for a period of 15 days and will not apply to other water companies serving Dallas customers nor to private wells.

Residents from the Machell Avenue area also attended the PUC hearing in order to voice their opposition to the Deer Meadows subdivision, but were informed by the hearing judge that only the five consumers signing the formal complaints could be heard.

Following the meeting, Scott Rubin cautioned those at the meeting that Dallas Water Company could still prove to the PUC that it could meet the demands of developers.

There are presently several developments in the Dallas area underway including Bluff Pointe in Dallas Township and Deer Meadow in Dallas Borough.

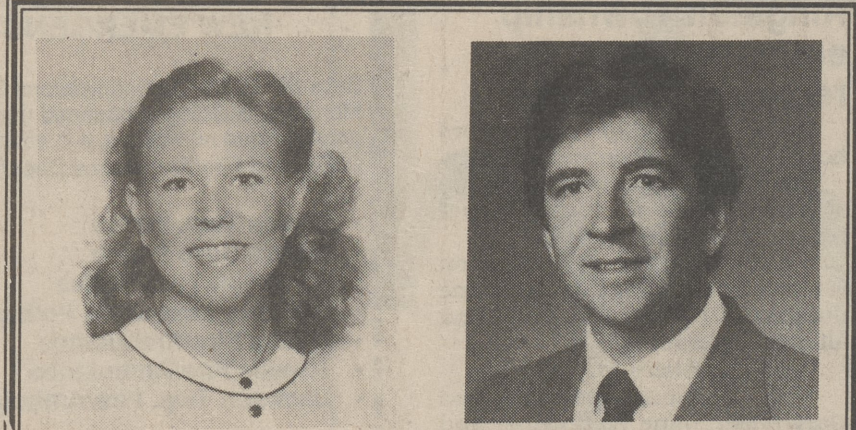
In an informal discussion following the hearing, Dallas Water

Company manager Mike Coyle explained that the company had experienced some difficulties during the summer months but was working to correct all problems. He said that two of the company's wells had been closed down due to contamination and an interconnection pump was installed between Shavertown and Dallas water companies.

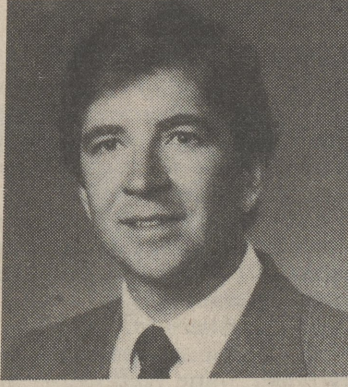
Coyle said that a new well and a new 313,000 gallon storage tank had some difficulties to be resolved but these problems have been corrected and both should be on line within two weeks.

Coyle stated that the tank will improve the water pressure and the new well will provide more water. He also stated that he would meet with each resident individually if the well was not on line in two weeks.

Jean Eason, vice president of the water company, attended the hearing. She told customers present that the company had installed hundreds of feet of larger lines during the past several years and was continuing to do this in all of the company's service areas.



Dr. Judy Smith



Dr. Peter Kaminski

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Moravac said the officers agreed not to release information regarding what they are seeking in compensation changes.

An arbitration hearing was called for when the supervisors and police department could not reach agreement on the salary issue. During the hearing both sides presented information justifying their positions on salary and benefits, including comparisons to other police officers in similar areas. From that information the arbitration panel will make a decision which is binding on all parties.

Comparisons with various police departments presented include the starting rate, increase in salary for period of time served, and rank, and information about the tax base of each municipality.

According to testimony presented at the arbitration hearing last week, patrolmen in the Wilkes-Barre police Department earn \$12,000 in their 1st year and \$15,000 in their 3rd year. Dallas Township patrolman earn \$16,978 after two years and \$18,829 after four years of service; they also have a longevity pay added on to their base salary at the rate of 1% of the salary for each two years of service completed. A patrolman in West Pittston would have

earned an average of \$17,000 in 1987 and \$18,500 in 1988. Patton Township patrolmen garner a base salary of \$21,000 their first year of service if they started in 1988, which would be upped to \$22,152 in 1989.

"Police work is like any other work - you get what you pay for," said Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers, regarding compensation for police officers.

Dallas Township police officers are the highest paid in the Back Mountain, according to Miers, who said that the majority of his force have served for over ten years.

It is against the law in Pennsylvania for municipal employees to strike, and Act 111 provides a process whereby employees and municipalities can work out benefits and compensation through arbitration. Arbitration is only necessary when the police and elected officials fail to reach agreement on the proper compensation.

It is also mandatory by law for police officers to live within ten miles of the municipality in which they serve.

Chief Miers said, "Any day that a police officer pins his badge and gun on, is a day that he or she might be required to use it. In police work there is no set time limit and every day presents different requirements."

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