

Burglary

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the little fish would come out in the clear and we might nab some of them," Miers continued.

Chief Miers said that raids such as the recent Mid-Valley Narcotics Task Force in which 15 communities participated is the way to go. Jackson Township, Harveys Lake Borough, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Lehman Township, Edwardsville Borough, Kingston Township, Hanover Township, Plymouth Borough, Plymouth Township, Courtdale, Larksville, Kingston, Forty Fort and Nanticoke are part of the Task Force.

"We formed the Narcotics Task Force because it is difficult for local police to work their own communities because they are known. If we bring in officers not known to the area it makes it easier to catch the criminals.

"The organization also makes for better inter-relationship and exchange of information between the FBI, state police and the local officers. The bigger dealers in the Wilkes-Barre and Scranton areas are hauling drugs up and down Interstate 80 and 81, and with the Task Force we get more cooperation between the agencies," Miers continued.

"The Back Mountain has a head start because of our cooperating with one another for the past years. The merger of our departments is effective because separately our forces are too small. According to the national formula, Dallas Township and Kingston Township should have eight to 10 officers on the staff. Dallas Borough should have six to seven. If we patrolled our area alone we couldn't get more than two areas covered on a patrol.

Miers said that cases of vandalism, burglary and theft have greatly increased over the past quarter compared to last year. He also repeated that most cases are directly or indirectly drug-related.

"Most of the offenders involved are from out of the Back Mountain but are from Luzerne County," Miers said. "Most of them are from Hanover, Nanticoke and Wilkes-Barre. There are some local kids but the majority are not our regular ones from this area but are from out of town.

"My projection is that once the Cross Valley is completed to the end, we will start to see the big stuff (crime) come into this area. We haven't seen anything yet," Miers said.

Miers, like Fowler and Sabol, believes the answer is to get the drug dealers and pass stricter and more rigid laws. But to carry out that answer, to resolve the drug problem is easier said than done, they agree.

Local police, however, are cracking down on the violators in the Back Mountain and officials say they will be more in evidence than in the past.



Eric Williams to attend leadership conference

Mr. Gilbert Griffiths has announced that Eric Williams, a ninth grade student in the Dallas Middle School, will be representing the Dallas SADD chapter at a Youth Leadership Conference in Shippensburg, Pa. Eric is the president of the Dallas Middle School SADD chapter. Pictured from left, Mr. Gilbert Griffiths, principal; Mrs. Lenore Rosenkrans, Luzerne County SADD Chairperson; Eric Williams, Miss Robyn Jones, Dallas Middle School SADD adviser.

Dallas Borough Preservation Ass'n to sponsor town meeting

The Dallas Borough Preservation Association will sponsor a town meeting on April 26, 8 p.m., at the Gate of Heaven School Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an open question/answer forum between borough residents and borough council candidates.

Joan Hiller, chairman of the Dallas Borough Preservation Association explains: "This is a critical election as it will decide the future direction of the borough and, with it, your quality of life. The taxpayer has a right to some answers."

"This is your town and it is you who should decide its character. Come and question the candidates and then decide on your representation."

The last day to register for the May 7 Primary is April 17.

The Dallas Borough Preservation Association has sent a letter of invitation to incumbent candidates Timothy Carroll and Donald Shaffer as well as candidates Cooper, Hiller, King and Peiffer.

Moderator for the town meeting will be Joel Daniels.

Property Transfers

Property transfers recorded at Luzerne County Court House from March 16, 1989 to March 22, 1989. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Many transactions are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

Corgan Contracting Co. to Robt. J. Coons, 9090 Timber Grove Rd., Woodridge, Shavertown, property 2.075 acres, \$35,000.

Jimmy R. Eason to Gary M. Evans, RD 2, Box 232B, Harveys Lake, property Lehman Twp., \$20,000.

Michael Janov to Michael Janov, 497 Parsonage Rd., Edison, N.J. property 3,312.49 sq. ft. Oneonta Road, Harveys Lake.

Richard C. Matysik to Donald Ross, RD 2, Box 189, Hunlock Creek, property Twp. Rte. 579, 1.36 acres, Lehman Twp., \$7,000.

Estate Elizabeth M. Bartoo to William Lewis, RD 6, Box 79, Lincoln St., Dallas, property Lincoln St., Dallas Twp., \$500.

Jeanette Larish to Edward B. Pennell, 151 Shade Tree Rd., Shavertown, property Shadetree Rd., Kingston Twp., \$90,000.

Michael Develop. Inc. to Jay E. Humphreys, 40 E. Walnut St., Kingston, property lot 4, Richard Dr., Dallas Twp., \$79,900.

David L. Elston to James T. Petro Jr., RD 1, Box 298A, Dallas, property Rte. 309, 1 acre, Dallas Twp., \$62,500.

Fowler appointed permanent police chief in Dallas Borough

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

A tentative date for borough election of May 3 to May 6 was discussed by members of the Dallas Borough Council at their March 21 meeting at the borough building. The exact date, according to council president Don Shaffer, will be set after dumpster bids are received and evaluated.

Shaffer explained that Dallas Township will probably not sponsor a clean-up this year and as a result the borough council members anticipate there may be an overflow of discarded items with Dallas Borough collecting township debris.

In order to avoid such a problem, part-time policemen will be on duty during evenings. It was noted by the council that each 30-cubic yard dumpster will cost the borough \$525.

A motion by councilman Craig Tupper to appoint John Fowler as the permanent police chief of Dallas Borough and release Fowler from the mandatory one-year probation period was approved by the council.

Tupper said that Fowler has done an excellent job as chief since he was appointed in March 1988, and that the police department is very visible in the community.

Officer William Norris was officially hired as a permanent full-time policeman at a salary of \$11,900 with a mandatory six-month probation period.

The council also named personnel for the summer recreation program which opens June 12 at Burndale playground.

Last year's playground director Jack Wolensky's request for a year's leave of absence in order to build his house was approved by the council and Jay Pope was appointed to fill the position for the one summer period at a salary of \$175 weekly.

Pope was employed as recreation director for nine years prior to Wolensky's appointment last season.

"I told the Council I will take the position for this season only," Pope said, "I wanted to see Wolensky get his house done. I also have some good assistants to work with me." The council appointed Dina

Pomrinke as assistant director at \$4.85 per hour; Colleen McKeever, \$4.35 per hour, Kim Taylor, \$4.00 per hour and two new counselors, Laura Poynton and Barry Brutko, who will each earn \$3.70 per hour.

In other business: Joseph Dwinchik was appointed to replace Larry Barnes, who resigned from the Dallas Borough Zoning Board.

The board gave approval to the Back Mountain Library Auction Committee to hang the banner advertising the auction, July 5-9. Advertisers will be contacted to ask for a date to place the banner on the Route 309 Overbrook overpass.

Announced that the Dallas Borough Preservation Association will hold a town meeting April 26, 8 p.m., in Gate of Heaven auditorium. Council members will be present and the public is invited.

Reappointments to the planning commission and the zoning board were tabled until the April meeting. Reappointments tabled were planning commission: Warren Yarnel, Thomas Reese, Richard Disque; Zoning board, William Tabor, John Fowler.

David Yablonski files for Dallas school director

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

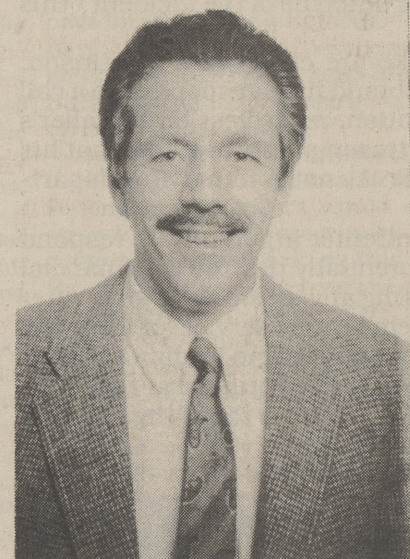
David R. Yablonski, 21 Circle Drive, Dallas, filed a nominating petition seeking the Democratic nod for school director in the Dallas School District in the May 16 primary election.

"I believe as a resident and taxpayer I have the responsibility to make the time to serve in some civic position," Yablonski said. "I have a natural interest in education and have been following the developments of the school district for some time. I have no vendettas nor grudges against anyone and I believe mine is a natural interest in the district. I also believe that the quality of education has to be a Number 1 priority.

"I believe as a board member, I should have accountability in the management of the district's finances and also pay close attention to math and science courses," Yablonski stated. Yablonski graduated from West Side Central Catholic High School (Bishop O'Reilly) class of 1973 and in 1974 he enlisted in the armed forces where he served as a member of The Old Guard. He performed multiple duties at Arlington National Cemetery, the Pentagon and the White House.

He was once selected as Soldier of the Quarter and also as Non-Commissioned Officer of the Month. Yablonski received his honorable discharge in 1978 and later attended Penn State University where he majored in English.

In 1985 Yablonski graduated from College Misericordia where he received a degree in computer science and a minor in mathemat-



David R. Yablonski

ics. While a student at College Misericordia he was selected to "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities" and was a member of the National Mercy Honor Society. He was involved also as a student tutor, peer instructor in stress management and was a member of the college baseball team.

Following graduation from College Misericordia, Yablonski worked as a programmer, analyst

and group leader for SMS, a healthcare software firm in the Philadelphia area. While working for SMS, Yablonski attended West Chester University as a graduate student in computer science.

Yablonski moved back to the area recently and is employed as assistant director of Information Systems at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

"I believe teachers should be given the opportunity for self improvement within their environment and that two-way communication between the teachers and the public is important. The public should also take more interest in the work of the district and I believe it is the board's responsibility to foster that interest. I have the energy and enthusiasm to work with other members of the board and to serve the public," Yablonski concluded.

He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown and is a member of the Pocono Northeast Chapter of the Data Processing Management Association, the College Manor Homeowners Association and various social organizations.

Yablonski is married to the former Debra Bollinger. They are the parents of a son, Joshua.

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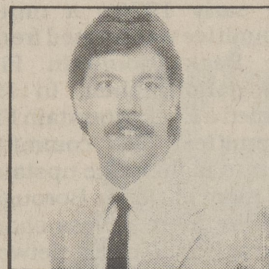
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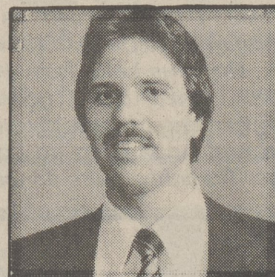
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