

Accidents

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Rhodes and an unidentified male passenger were taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. Rhodes was admitted in serious condition. Her passenger was treated and released.

Friday evening, a Kingston Township man was crushed to death by his own farm tractor in the fields of his family farm.

Stanley Krispen, 64, 226 Church Rd., Kingston Township, was pronounced dead at the scene at 8:05 p.m. by Luzerne County Deputy Coroner Andrew Strish.

Krispen was found lying in the field by a man walking his dog around 6:30 p.m., according to police. It is believed Krispen was killed when the tractor ran him over while he was cutting hay, police said.

Luzerne County Coroner Dr. George E. Hudak said Krispen died of multiple traumatic internal injuries.

Responding to the scene were Kingston Township Police and

Kingston Township Ambulance. Saturday afternoon, a Shavertown man lost control of his Ford

The accidents above are only a sample of the accidents and other emergencies the Back Mountain faced this past week.

One dispatcher from the Back Mountain Communication Center reported 17 to 18 emergency calls received during one shift Sunday.

Kingston Township Ambulance President Joseph Bren characterized the weekend with a sigh. "It was an extremely busy weekend and an unusual week," he said Monday.

Bren attributes the high accident rate last week to increased growth and traffic flow in the Back Mountain.

Dallas Borough Police Chief John R. Fowler also attributed the amount of accidents to the growth of the Back Mountain. "Look for it in the future," Fowler warned drivers Monday.

Bronco along Rt. 309 near South Main Street and crashed into Toby's creek.

Joseph Booth, 45, 25 Harford St., Shavertown, drove off the highway, rolled several times, and landed upright in the creek around 3:20 p.m., according to police at the scene.

Booth was removed from the wreckage by Kingston Township Ambulance and Rescue units. He was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where he was treated and released.

Police from Kingston Township, Dallas Township, and Dallas Borough assisted.

Any hopes emergency crews may have had that Saturday would mark the end of a bad week were dashed at 9:15 p.m. Sunday, when a violent head-on collision occurred in Lehman Township.

One person was killed and four injured in the three-car collision at the intersection of Rt. 118 and Old Rt. 115.

Pronounced dead at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital by Luzerne County Deputy Coroner Joseph Shaver was 25-year-old Christopher Senese, 190 Market St., Kingston. Luzerne County Coroner Dr. George E. Hudak Jr. ruled the cause of death as multiple traumatic injuries.

Senese was operating his Dodge Omni east on Rt. 118 when he struck a van head-on. Another vehicle then slammed into the van from behind.

Four other individuals were transported to area hospitals, where they were treated and released.

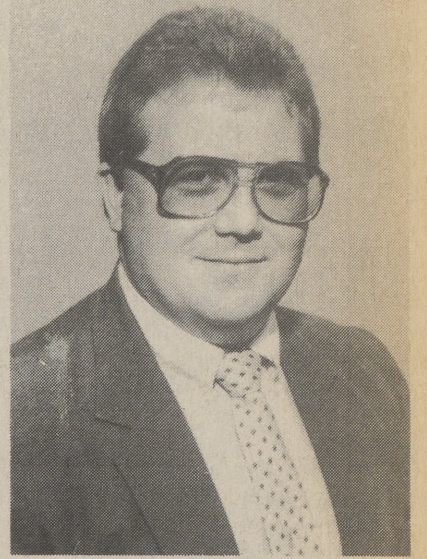
Lehman Township Fire and Ambulance, Dallas Ambulance, and Medic I responded to the scene. Police from Lehman Township, Lake Township, Jackson Township, Dallas Township, Noxen Borough, and Harveys Lake Borough assisted. The State Police also Responded.

Wengen completes credit course

Frank Wengen, administrator of Ideal Consumer Discount Company, recently completed the National Institute on Consumer Credit Management course conducted by the Marquette University School of Business in Milwaukee. The two-year management program is open to qualified personnel in the financial services industry.

Wengen is a Wilkes College graduate who has 10 years of experience in the consumer finance field. He joined Ideal two years ago as manager of the firm's Wilkes-Barre office before his promotion to oversee the operation of all six Ideal offices. In addition to Wilkes-Barre, other Ideal locations are in Nanticoke, Tunkhannock, Scranton, Berwick and Honesdale. Additional offices, in Stroudsburg and Towanda, are scheduled to open in the near future.

Ideal Consumer Discount Company is a subsidiary of First Eastern Corp., the Wilkes-Barre based holding company that also is the parent firm of First Eastern Bank. In addition to his responsibilities in the area of consumer fi-



Frank Wengen

nance, Wengen is an accomplished artist. A member of the Pennsylvania Society of Watercolor Painters, his work has been exhibited extensively throughout the region. Wengen, his wife, Mary Ellen and their two children reside in Lehman.

Oak Hill

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periodically due to the pressure breaking the lines.

The residents say they get no satisfaction from the company because a call to their offices gets only a message on an answering machine. "No one returns our calls nor answers our letters," the one resident said.

For nearly a year the residents of Oak Hill, headed by Joseph 'Red' Jones with the assistance of Rep. Scott Dieterick, have been trying to resolve the water problem in the development. In February, 1989, through the aid of the Consumer

Advocate and Rep. Dieterick, the company's request for an increase in water rates was reduced from 24.65 percent to 9.3 percent. The company's service to its customers did not improve, however, and on August 31, 1989, Dieterick met with the customers of Oak Hill Water Company and after discussion agreed to contact the PUC again about their problems.

In keeping with his agreement, on Sept. 7 Dieterick wrote to Commissioner Bill Shane, Chairman of PUC and asked that the previous price increase be re-

scinded since no improvements have been made since last year.

He also stated that in addition to numerous complaints of dirty water, there appears to be an increase in water breaks and that some of the mains are less than adequate, and that increased pressure by the company is 'blowing out' the existing water mains.

One of the water breaks were not fixed for two weeks and in the last month there have been approximately three weeks of water interruptions with dirty water, residents say.

Dieterick also relayed the customers request that the company have either an 800 toll free number or a local number so customers may call the company about a problem. Presently they must call Clarks Summit, which is a toll call.

Dieterick went on to say that conditions have been increasingly worse in the Oak Hill area with chlorlorine 10 to 20 times higher than it should have to be; customers are being charged an additional fee to pay the company for a tank the company installed; some

customers have had hot water heaters damaged due to increased pressure and in an instance where a hot water heater 'blew up' due to the pressure the interior of the owner's house was damaged.

Dieterick also said customers want to know what can be done to expedite answering complaints about water problems, since their calls are recorded by an answering machine. During previous water breaks, the company has not attempted to provide potable water from an outside source for drinking and cooking purposes.

Through the courtesy of Rep. Dieterick, customers requested that the PUC send out an on-site inspector, or field agent, to observe the workings of the Oak Hill Water Company, a subsidiary company of the National Utilities Water Company.

Dieterick said Oak Hill residents are running out of patience with the water company and are at the point where they are asking for action to improve the quantity and quality of the water for which they are paying.

Police report

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

TWO-CAR CRASH CAUSES INJURIES

In a two-car accident Sept. 8 at the intersection of Routes 118 and 415, drivers and passengers were removed by ambulance to the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Police say Bonnie Donovan, Harveys Lake, driving a 1986 Ford was at the intersection of Routes 118 and 415 facing east, then pulled out to the center lane in front of tractor trailer which was stopped in the center lane to turn left to 118 from 415.

When Donovan pulled out from the center lane she struck a car driven by Shirley M. Dunbar of Ridge Avenue, Harveys Lake, which was traveling north in the driving lane.

CAR STRIKES PEDESTRIAN AT FAIR

Police said on September 9 on Route 118 near the entrance to the Luzerne County Fall Fair, Richard Pincowski of Dallas, driving a 1987 Mazda struck pedestrian Christopher Andrews of Ridge Street, Shavertown.

Pincowski was traveling east on 118 near the fair entrance with traffic at a standstill. Patrolman Wayman Miers was the investigating officer.

CHARGED WITH DUI AFTER ACCIDENT

Patrolman Wayman Miers investigated an accident Sept. 7 on Hildebrandt Road where a car driven by Jean M. Daniels of Larksville was traveling south and left the road, struck a bank and crossed back into the northbound lane just missing a witness's car. The Daniel's car had two flat tires and the bumper was dragging on the ground.

Jean Daniels was charged with driving under the influence. Phillip Daniels was charged with permitting violation of title.

MAILBOXES VANDALIZED

Patrolman Howard Kocher reported that mailboxes on the property of Thomas O'Brien, Lower Demunds Road were vandalized. Investigation is continuing.

PURSE STOLEN

On Sept. 9, Elizabeth Montgomery, Dallas Township, reported that while out walking someone removed her purse from her home. It was a black shoulder bag and contained her house keys, \$30 and her driver's license. Patrolman Howard Kocher is continuing the investigation.

LAWN CHAIRS TAKEN

Dr. Vince Carboni, Mercy Medical Center, reported that on Sept. 8, someone took a box containing two lawn chairs from the back of a truck while it was parked at the Mercy Medical offices the night of Sept. 8, Patrolman Howard Kocher is the investigating officer.

DALLAS BOROUGH

UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL POSSESSION CHARGED

Patrolman James J. Drury cited Thomas Grodes, 185 1/2 2nd St., Wyoming, Pa., for possession and transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages and underage possession.

ONE-CAR ACCIDENT

Donald Rose of Tunkhannock, driving a 1982 Chevrolet south on Route 309 at the intersection with Route 415, was removed by ambulance to the Veterans Hospital, after police said his car crossed over into a light standard on Route 309 and slid across the access to Route 415. Investigating Officer was William Norris, Jr. on Sept. 7.

HARRASSMENT CHARGE

Patrolman James J. Drury charged Lisa Ann Gabel, RD 6, Dallas, and Debra Ann Honeywell Rr. 514 Bond St., Luzerne, with criminal trespass, after they entered property on Joseph Street despite being told not to do so. They defied owner John Harris' order to leave. Gabel was also charged with harassment and Honeywell was charged with possession of an intoxicating beverage.

DUI CHARGED

Patrolman James J. Drury charged Gary Don Collins, c/o Pellams Terrace, Dallas, after he stopped Collins in the area of the Back Mountain Bowl on Route 415,

Sept. 3. Drury was assisted in the arrest by Dallas Township Patrolman Elliot Ide. He will appear before District Magistrate Earl Gregory.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP TAPES REPORTED STOLEN

Sgt. J.J. Balavage reported that Sept. 8, Judith S. Rhodes, RD 1, Pittston, reported that at 4:45 p.m., she discovered 50 tapes and a case missing valued at \$450. Investigation is continuing.

CHARGED WITH DUI AFTER ACCIDENT

Joseph J. Booth, Harford Avenue, Shavertown, driving north on Route 309 told Patrolman Ziegler that he lost control of his vehicle and went off the road rolling the vehicle over and hit two mailboxes and about five feet of handrail on a small bridge, then the car came to rest upright in Toby's Creek after falling about six feet. Booth was charged with DUI pending the report of the blood alcohol content test.

FARMER RUN OVER, KILLED BY TRACTOR

Patrolman Walter Davis reported that Friday, Sept. 8, that Stanley Krispin, Krispin Road, Wyoming, was apparently run over by a farm tractor and fatally injured while cutting hay in the upper backfields of his farm in Kingston Township. Patrolman Davis reported it was unknown whether he was fatally injured getting on or off the tractor but that he died of multiple traumatic injuries.

Luzerne County Deputy Coroner Andrew Strish stated death was due to multiple traumatic injuries suffered in an accident.

CEMENT TRUCK OVERTURNS

Patrolman Michael Moravec reported that on Sept. 7 Lance R. Thomas, Sweet Valley, escaped serious accident when the brakes failed on a cement truck he was driving, by veering the truck across Route 309 at the Careverton Road intersection. In the process, the truck turned over on its side.

When Patrolman Moravec arrived at the scene he found Thomas pinned inside the truck. Thomas said when his brakes failed he began to blow his horn to alert traffic and tried to avoid vehicles. He was taken to Nesbitt Hospital for treatment and released.

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J. Ward FitzPatrick, D.D.S., announces the opening of his office for the specialty practice of periodontics.

A native of the Wilkes-Barre, Scranton area, Dr. FitzPatrick received his B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Georgetown University School of Dentistry.

Following a general practice residency with the Veterans Administration Medical Center of Brockton and West Roxbury, Mass., he pursued his specialty training in periodontics in a combined program of the VA and Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston.

While at Harvard, Dr. FitzPatrick served as a clinical faculty member for doctoral students in the department of periodontology and was recently awarded specialty certification from Harvard.

Dr. FitzPatrick is a member of the American Academy of Periodontology, the American Dental Association, the Pennsylvania Dental Association and the Luzerne county Dental Society. He resides in Kingston with his wife and son.

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