



**MAKING SNOWMEN** - Needy children of the Lake-Lehman area made snowmen to take home with them at last Sunday's Christmas party hosted by students at the high school. Above the children are assisted by some of the students. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

## Lake-Lehman students help those in need

The students in Lake-Lehman High School's Basic Child Development Class and the Student Council held a 2nd Annual Luncheon and Party for underprivileged children in the area Sunday.

The students entertained 43 children whose names were given to students by the school nurse. They were first hosted at lunch, then aided with an arts and crafts projects, entertained with a play and finally received a visit from Santa Claus, who gave each child at least three gifts he or she had requested.

Two hundred twenty four students and faculty members made contributions toward the gifts and area businesses made donations toward the lunch and ice cream sundaes.

Mrs. Cathy Wolfe and Mrs. Jeris Baranowski were the faculty members who were in charge of the party.



**SANTA COMES EARLY** - Santa Claus came early to 43 needy children of the Lake-Lehman area last Sunday and brought packages of gifts to each of them. High school students made Santa's visit possible by doing the shopping. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

## Holiday play at Dallas Junior High Friday

"A Christmas Carole," by Charles Dickens will be presented Friday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. at the Dallas Junior High Auditorium by the New Life Drama Troupe. Tickets may be purchased from any of the cast or at the "Gifts From Above" Book Store in Dallas at \$1.50. Tickets will be \$2.00 at the door the night of the performance.

New Life Drama Troupe, from Life Church in Orange, has been presenting Christian drama for a number of years. This year's classic version of "A Christmas Carole" will add to their list of already applauded performances. Lucille Madeira, director of New Life Drama Troupe, reported, "The cast of 38 have been diligently rehearsing since October."

Madiera said, This will be a thoroughly entertaining play for all ages to enjoy. Given New Life Drama Troupe's past success with Christmas plays, "A Christmas Carole" should prove to be no exception. Everyone is invited. Call 639-5433 for more information.



## Back Mountain Kiwanis present award to Circle K'er

Miss Paula Carey of Berwick, was named "Circle-K'er of the Month" recently at a breakfast meeting of the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club at Pickett's Charge Restaurant in Dallas. Miss Carey is a sophomore at College Misericordia and was honored because of her activity in these Circle-K projects: Luzerne County Triathlon; International Convention in Cincinnati; Inter-Clubs with King's College; ticket sales at Luzerne County Fair and Dance Marathon. Shown in the photo are, from left, Ron Mosca, Kiwanis Advisor to Circle-K; Miss Carey and Arthur Parks, president.

## Decision expected in Hillman shooting trial

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
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The hearing for a Lehman Township youth charged with voluntary and involuntary manslaughter in the shooting death of Richard Hillman last summer has been held behind closed doors at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

The hearing is being conducted in private because the defendant is a 17-year-old juvenile. A decision is expected this week.

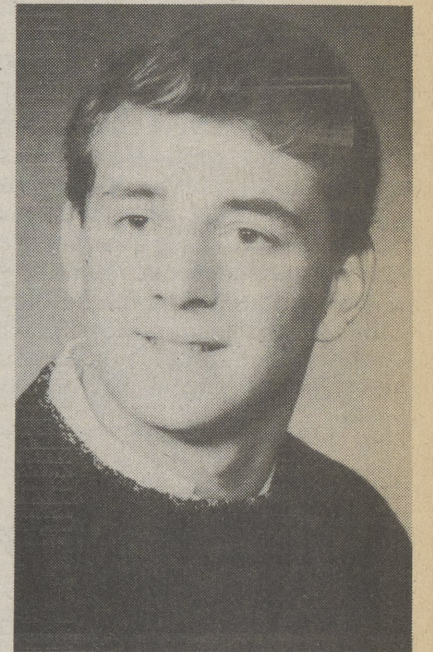
Judge Donald O'Malley of Susquehanna County has been specially assigned to hear the case. He heard testimony in the Orphans' Courtroom last Monday and Tuesday. The hearing was then moved Wednesday to a courthouse courtroom for an undisclosed reason.

Deputy Sheriffs and Juvenile Court personnel are guarding all entrances to the courtroom. The public and media have been banned from the courtroom's immediate area.

O'Malley has ordered that no one allowed entrance to the proceedings is to discuss the case with the media.

If O'Malley finds the defendant delinquent, he could be detained in a juvenile center until his 21st birthday.

According to police and eyewitness reports, Hillman and the teen apparently began to argue at a graduation party of a former girlfriend of Hillman's. Hillman had graduated three days before the party from Lake-Lehman High School.



Richard Hillman

According to the reports, the defendant left the party and traveled to his home on Swamp Road. Hillman reportedly arrived at the home later that night and a fight ensued.

Police received a call of a shooting at the home, and arrived to find Hillman shot by a .22-caliber handgun. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Luzerne County Coroner Dr. George Hudak ruled his death a homicide.

## Harveys Lake assault suspect's hearing delayed

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
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A probation violation hearing scheduled last Thursday for a Harveys Lake man accused of assaulting two Back Mountain police chiefs was postponed after the judge met with both side's attorneys.

Daniel Ayers, 24, is being held in the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for an alleged parole violation which occurred Oct. 31 during a confrontation with police.

Ayers' attorney Michael Anthony and Assistant District Attorney Thomas Marsilio met with County Court Judge Robert Hourigan in his chambers early last week.

The hearing was postponed until later following the meeting, and another meeting is expected this week.

Anthony is asking Hourigan to release Ayers until the time of his trial, contending he has not yet been found guilty of violating his parole by allegedly assaulting Harveys Lake Police Chief Lionel Bulford and Lake Township Police Chief John Ruane.

Ayers posted \$2,500 bail on charges of disorderly conduct, aggravated assault and simple assault. He also is accused of assaulting police officers and threatening others.

Ayers, however, has remained in the correctional facility because

the alleged assault would constituted a violation of his parole. He was placed on parole for a 1985 arrest where he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and drunk driving.

Anthony is asking the judge to release his client until the court decides whether he violated parole by assaulting the officers. Anthony did admit the prosecution has a legal right to hold Ayers until his guilt can be determined, but pointed out his client was on good behavior before this incident.

According to police reports, Bulford and Ruane arrived at the scene of a public nuisance report

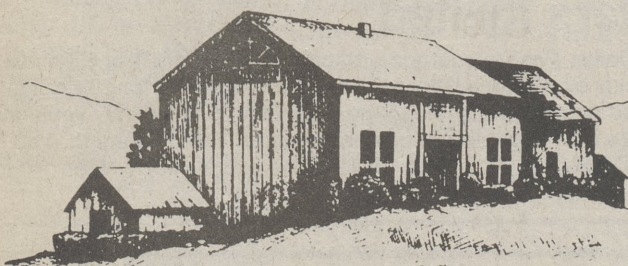
at 11:14 October 31. A resident at the location told the officers Ayers had thrown a rock through his window and threatened him.

As the officers approached Ayers' residence, Ayers reportedly slapped Ruane and struck Bulford in the face. Ayers also allegedly threatened to kill the officers and released a German Shepherd he ordered to attack the officers. The dog did not attack.

The officers then took Ayers into custody.

Assisting at the scene were police from Lehman Township, Jackson Township, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough, and the Tunkhannock State Police.

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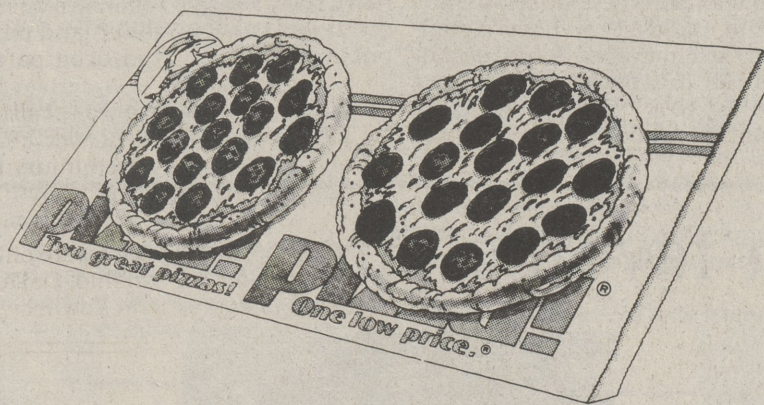
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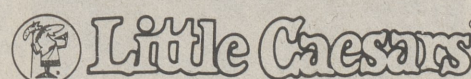
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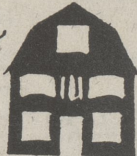


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