

## Police report

### DALLAS BOROUGH CAR SPRAYED WITH PAINT

Sylvia Hughes, Highland Boulevard, Dallas, August 2, reported to police that her 1990 Mitsubishi parked in the driveway was sprayed by someone with silver paint. Police are investigating a possible suspect who in the past made threats against the Hughes.

### MONEY STOLEN FROM PURSE

On August 9, Eula Lewis, manager at Native Textiles reported to

police that one of the company's employees went to the bank to cash payroll checks for several of the employees. Lewis said she placed her money in her purse and placed it on the break table in her immediate work area at 1 p.m. and when she went back to her purse at 2:13 p.m., she discovered \$120 missing from her wallet and the remaining money was rearranged in her purse.

### PAINT DUMPED INTO SWIMMING POOL

Archibald C. Bota, Dallas, on August 14, reported to police that

when he called Hilstolsky Pool Company because he was having a problem with his pool, the workmen found a substance of a chalk white and sticky nature in the filter and at the bottom of the pool. The service employees believe it is a latex base white paint dumped in by someone.

### BIKE ACCIDENT

Police investigated a bike accident at the intersection of Elizabeth and Sunset Ave., Dallas where the operators of two bikes were injured and taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for treatment.

### DRIVER DRAWS DRUG, ALCOHOL CHARGES

Matt Frank, Hickory Road, Dallas, was charged with the possession of drug paraphernalia, drug devices and substance, August 18, when Officer James J. Martin pulled over Frank's maroon Toyota Supra for a traffic violation and discovered contraband inside the vehicle including a 6-pack of beer. Frank was cited for purchase, consumption and possession of liquor, and operating vehicle while consuming alcohol beverage, and violation of the controlled substance act and will be arraigned before District Magistrate Earl Gregory.

### DALLAS TOWNSHIP TWO-CAR ACCIDENT

A two-car accident resulted in both cars being towed, August 22, when police say Joseph Precone, driving a 1982 Dodge traveling west on Overbrook Road, was about to make a left turn when a car driven by James B. Karlowicz, Hunlock Creek turned in front of him. Precone tried to turn into a driveway but the cars collided. Karlowicz's car skidded 48 feet to the point of impact between the two cars. Officer Wayman Miers investigated the accident.

### RUNAWAY CAR DAMAGES GARAGE

On August 19, Marjorie Griffiths, Main St., Dallas, driving a 1985 Ford, pulled into the driveway of the residence of Austin and Elizabeth Wertman, whose 1988 Ford Ranger was parked in their driveway. As Griffiths pulled into the driveway her car began to go forward so she put it in reverse and the car lunged backward. The car then went forward into the Wertman's driveway from the road, crashing into their garage and crashed through the garage door striking the Ranger in the left rear bumper. The force of the impact pushed the Ranger into the rear cinder block wall of the garage breaking storm windows stored inside. The front bumper of the Ranger was damaged because of the impact with the wall.

### DAMAGE AT IREM TEMPLE CLUB

Police investigated a report from Irem Temple Country Club personnel where they discovered damaged wooden signs, damage to the greens and to the sprinkler system on August 22.

### POOL VANDALIZED

Officer Wayman Miers was dispatched to 38 Idlewood Drive, Dallas, where someone had sprayed red paint on the sides of an above-ground pool, Aug. 18.

### KINGSTON TOWNSHIP ACCIDENT BRINGS SPEED CHARGE

Police cited James John Lacomis of Plains for driving at an unsafe speed August 22, on Krispin Hill. Lacomis was traveling south on Krispin Hill when he lost control of his car while adjusting the tape player in the vehicle. His car swerved across the road and hit a tree and turned over.

### TWO-CAR ACCIDENT

On August 21, police were dispatched to a two car accident at Route 309 and Hillside Road, where they said Margaret Warnagairis, Hunlock Creek, was traveling north on 309 in a Buick and rolled into the left turning lane at the intersection with Hillside Road. Her car was struck in the left side by a 1984 Buick driven by Carolyn Sands, Tunkhannock.

### MAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Patrolman Michael Moravec, August 21, investigated an accident on Route 309 and Harris Hill

Road where he found John Ursiak, Dallas, driver of a 1985 Mercury being treated and an ambulance enroute. Merle Pope, driver of a 1985 Oldsmobile, said he had been stopped at a red light at the intersection and when the light turned green he wanted to make sure all traffic was stopped prior to moving across the highway to travel east on Harris Hill Road. He said when he pulled out he was halfway across the highway when he was struck

on the left side by the Ursiak vehicle which went through the red light. Ursiak was cited for violation of a traffic control signal.

### TOOLS STOLEN

On August 22, Corgan Construction Co., Sutton Road, reported that sometime between August 18 and 22, tools and equipment valued at \$1400 were taken from the Woodridge Estates. Investigation is by the Kingston Township Police.

## Obituaries

### SEYMOUR DIMOND

Seymour A. Dimond, 83, a businessman and community leader, died Aug. 20, 1990.

A resident of Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre for 5 1/2 years, he previously resided in Dallas. Born in Newark, N.J., he was the son of the late A.J. and Rose S. Dimond. In 1938, he married the former Jane Pfifferling. Following his marriage, he moved to Forty Fort and became associated in Bergman's Department Store with his late father-in-law, Charles Pfifferling Sr. and the late Justin Bergman Sr. He became a partner in Bergman's and in 1973 became president of the store, retiring in 1978.

He was active in the community during his business career. He served as chairman of the Wyoming Valley Community Chest, predecessor of the United Fund. He was a past president of the Jewish Community Center, and had been active in the Jewish Federation of Wyoming Valley.

He was a past director of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He was a member of Temple B'nai B'rith, where he served as president. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He was a member of the Westmoreland Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane, in June 1964.

Surviving are a son, A. John Dimond, Kingston, president of Bergman's; daughter, Mrs. Susan D. Fillman, Lakeville, Conn.; three grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Temple B'nai B'rith, the Seymour A. Dimond Scholarship Fund at Wilkes University or the charity of the donor's choice.

### JOSEPH P. HALL, JR.

Former area resident Joseph P. Hall, Jr., died Wednesday, August 22, 1990 in Rehobot, Israel, following a brief illness.

A resident of Shavertown for over 20 years, Mr. Hall was born on February 5, 1926 in Staten Island, N.Y. He graduated from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont in 1948. He received an M.S. from Middlebury in 1950, and attended graduate school at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. He was former president of Surface Processes, Country Club Road, Dallas, and for the past seven years had worked as a consultant for Savin Corporation, Binghamton, N.Y. and Indigo Ltd., Rehovot, Israel.

He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret H. Van Koonz, Rehovot, Israel, sons, Joseph P. III, Stuttgart, West Germany; Christopher, East Brunswick, N.J., daughters, Margaret Hall-Klimek, Highland Park, N.J.; and Elizabeth, Wilkes-Barre.

Funeral services and interment were conducted abroad. A memorial service will be held in the United States at a date to be determined. The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the American Lung Association.

### BURTON JOHNSON

Memorial services for Burton Smith Johnson, who died recently in Phoenix Ariz., will be held in the Memorial Presbyterian Church, Friday, Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. Dr. David O. Roberts, Associate for Lay Activities of the Wyoming Valley Area Ministry, will officiate.

Johnson was a former resident of Shavertown and a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and the University of Arizona. He served in the Air Force as a commissioned officer and combat bomber during World War II. He was affiliated with the Smith Flying Service and School, Forty Fort which was owned and operated by the family. He was awarded the Air Medal with two clusters, the Bronze Battle and Service Stars and Unit Citation with one cluster.

He is survived by his wife, the former Frances Babinski of Wilkes-Barre; daughter, Melanie Turner, and son, Harold, both of Phoenix; sister, June Stevens, Kingston; two grandchildren.

Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours but the family will receive friends following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

### DANIEL BLESSNER

Daniel A. Blessner, RD 3, Dallas, died Aug. 25, 1990, after being admitted to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he resided in Dallas most of his life and was the son of the late Stanley and Anna Gryczka Blessner.

He was employed by the Ashley Machine and Tool Co., Wyoming, as a tool and dye maker. He was a member of St. Mary's Church of the Maternity, Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marion Lipka; sons, Eric, at home; Brian, Wilkes-Barre; Daniel, State College; brother, Bernard Blessner, Glen Burnie, Md.; sisters, Mrs. Loretta Appleby, Dallas; Mrs. Joann Biros, Wilkes-Barre.

Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

### CHARLES G. HOFFECKER

Charles G. Hoffecker, 65, died Aug. 22, at home in Stuart, Fla., following an illness.

The deceased was born in Scranton, the son of the late Charles and Irene Nealon Hoffecker, and was a former resident of Shavertown.

He served in the United States Navy Medical Corps during World War II. He was graduated from the University of Scranton in 1950 and was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, as a district manager in the Nanticoke branch office.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Lou Owsiany; children, Susan Kelly, Dallas; Chip Hoffecker, Pompano Beach, Fla.; and Lori White, Boca Raton, Fla.; sister, Mrs. Jean Keeling, York; six grandchildren; two nieces and one nephew; three stepsons; one stepdaughter; two stepgrandchildren.

Interment was in Our Lady of Queen of Peace Cemetery, West Palm Beach, Fla.

### VIDA KITCHEN

Vida Kitchen, 80, of Main Road, Sweet Valley, died Aug. 21, 1990, at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born Aug. 20, 1910, in Ross Township, she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Hanna Zacharias Post. She was a retired state employee, having been employed at the former Retreat State Hospital, Hunlock Creek. She was a member of the Community Bible Church, Sweet Valley.

She was preceded in death by a sister, M. Elmira Long; brother, Doran Post.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. William (Shirley) George, Sweet Valley; Mrs. William (Janet) James, Ocoee, Fla.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Howard Post, Sweet Valley.

Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

### NICHOLAS 'MICKEY' WITEK

Nicholas J. 'Mickey' Witek of Chase Manor, Shavertown died Aug. 24, 1990, in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Luzerne, he was the son of the late Stanley and Anna Zaerchyk Witek. He had played professional baseball from 1940 to 1947 for the New York Giants and for the New York Yankees in 1949.

Mr. Witek was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, in 1986.

Prior to his retirement in 1980, he was associated with the Lion Brewery, Wilkes-Barre as its sales manager.

He and his wife, the former Virginia Dominick, celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on Oct. 4, 1989. He was a member of St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston, and its Holy Name Society.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Stanley, Joseph and Michael Witek and a sister, Sophie Witek.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are son, Nicholas, Jr., Rockledge, Fla.; daughter, Mrs. Denise Stefanowicz, Loyalville; sister, Mrs. Helen Obsitus, Swoyersville, three grandchildren.

Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Dallas.



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