

# Dallas elementary children DARE'd to say no to drugs

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Children at the Dallas Elementary and Westmoreland Elementary schools are being DARE'd by a local policeman not to use drugs.

DARE is a Drug Abuse Resistance Education program taught to all fifth grade students in the Dallas School District. During the first semester three fifth grade classes at Dallas and two fifth grade classes at Westmoreland will be taught one hour a week for 17 weeks. During the second semester, two fifth grade classes at Dallas and two at Westmoreland will be taught.

Conducting the program at both schools is Officer Robert Boyer of Kingston Borough. Boyer not only teaches the children in the classroom but also eats lunch with them, alternating between both schools. His goal is to build up a good relationship between the students and the police and he encourages them to approach him with questions or problems about drugs.

Currently, the Kingston Borough police department is conducting the program in five districts in Luzerne County including Dallas. The program originated in Los Angeles, and it had such an

impact on drugs and related problems that it is now being tried in this area.

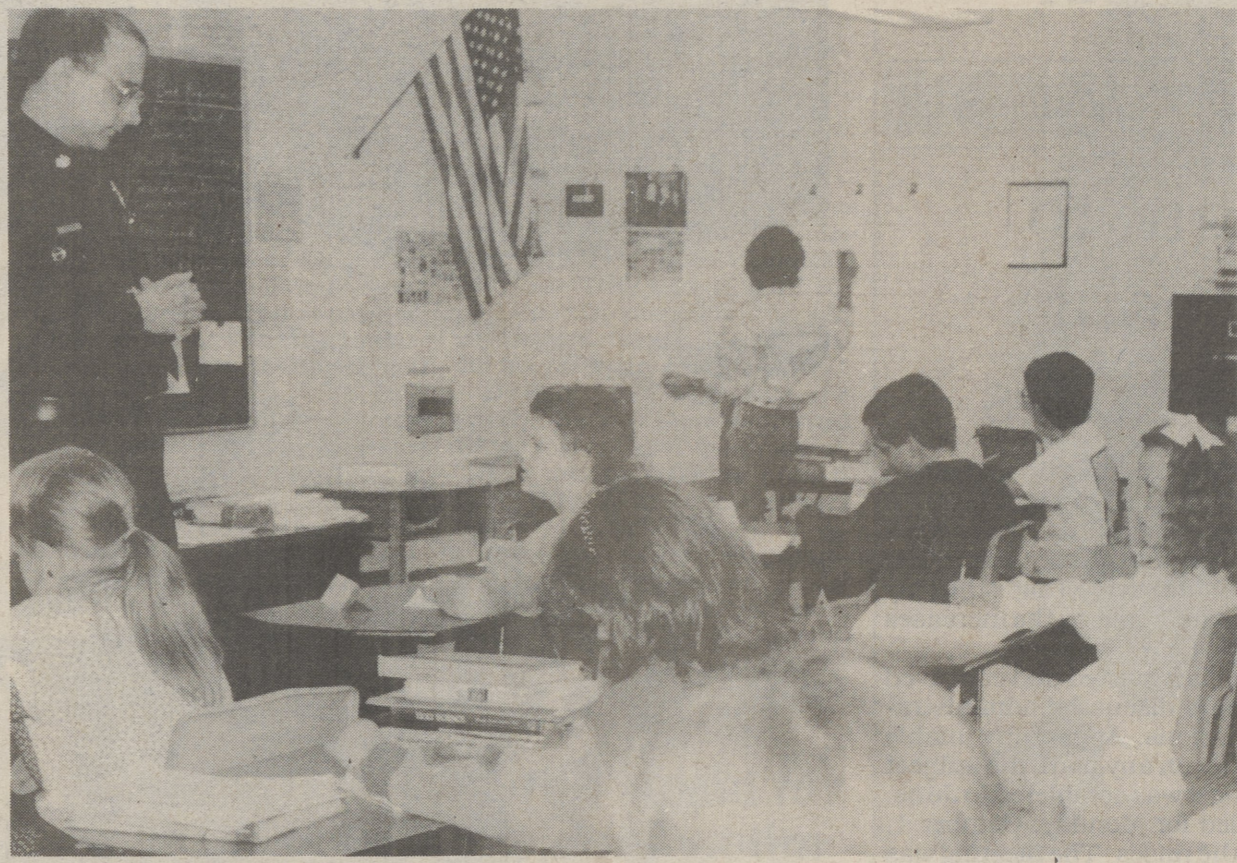
"Officer Boyer is an integral part of the program," said Dallas Elementary Principal Ruth Tetschner last week. "We had one parent who is an attorney who wrote to the Kingston Police Department commending them on what they were doing in the schools. In the future, we hope our local police become involved with our schools," Ms. Tetschner said.

Officer Boyer trained for two weeks, 10 hours each day in Virginia in order to qualify for conducting the program.

"His goal is to develop a child's self-esteem," Tetschner explained. "He teaches them to say 'NO' to drug and alcohol offers without hesitation. The program, which was developed in 1983 and in the schools by 1985, was found to be successful.

"A follow up found that it developed respect for parents and other adults, reduced vandalism, and that drug abuse was down by a marginal amount," Tetschner concluded.

Tetschner said the district is pleased with the program and hoping to see it expanded.



**DARED TO SAY NO** - Police officer Robert Boyer conducts the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program at Dallas Elementary School. The program is also being taught at Westmoreland and will continue through the spring. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

# Plans to tear down Pub move ahead

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Dallas Borough Manager Milton Lutsey said last week that the owners of the Hearthstone Pub did not file an appeal within 30 days of a court's ruling that the Pub may be razed at the owner's expense. Lutsey also said that it is reported that the owner, alleged to be James B. Post, has been looking into prices to have the building torn down.

In other borough business during the past week, the borough's charges against former borough manager Gary Allabaugh for the misappropriation of funds were dismissed last week by District Magistrate Earl Gregory due to the fact that restitution of funds was made.

# Borough to take roads in Deer Meadow

In a special meeting held Thursday night, the Dallas Borough Council accepted roads in the Deer Meadows development area.

The special meeting was held by the council in order to meet a deadline to notify the state so the borough would receive increased allocations from the Motor Tax Fund.

Under the Fuel Tax Fund, the borough receives \$1,200 per mile and \$7 per person. With the borough takeover maintenance of roads for a total of 2,934 feet, it could receive an increase of \$720 from the tax fund. The tax fund is calculated by the total mileage of roads maintained by a municipality and the number of residents in that municipality. The funds are used to maintain roads, repaving of roads, road vehicles maintenance and salary of road crew.

Roads taken over by the borough can have nothing done to them without the borough's permission.

The roads approved for takeover by the borough council pending the county's planning commission include the intersection of Machell Avenue and Deer Meadow Drive, 67 feet; north down Deer Meadow Drive 757 feet; intersection of Deer Meadow Drive and Fawn Drive to beginning of Powderhorn Drive, 1080 feet; and intersection of Deer Meadow Drive and Doe Drive east down Doe Drive 1,030 feet.

# Rep. Dieterick says he will appeal convictions

State Representative Scott Dieterick has not announced his plans following conviction last week of 19 counts of fraud and forgery. He was charged in connection with the investigation into insurance coverage for the Nielsen Bus Company for three school districts from 1984-1987.

The nine-day trial concluded October 5 after the jury of eight women and four men found Dieterick guilty of one count of forgery, 13 counts of tampering with public records or information, and five counts of unsworn falsification to authorities after 8 1/2 hours of deliberations.

Since the verdict, Dieterick has released only one statement, saying that he was "...shocked by the totally unexpected verdict of the jury." He added that he will seek an appeal of the jury's decision, which he called, "...a terrible miscarriage of justice."

The District Attorney's office praised the verdict. Assistant DA Michael Melnick, who was the prosecuting attorney, said that the jury's decision showed that, "Nobody is above the law."

No sentencing date has been set for Dieterick, who faces a re-election challenger from Democrat

Phyllis Mundy next month.

In a statement after the trial Dieterick said he "...will continue to serve the constituents of (the 120th congressional) District and will comment on my re-election plans in the future."

During the trial, the prosecution called 13 witnesses to the stand, including an FBI handwriting expert who testified that Dieterick had signed the name of an insurance agent on a certificate for the Nielsen Bus Line.

The defense called 20 character witnesses to the stand. Much of the defense centered on three witnesses, including Dieterick himself.

Throughout the trial, and emphatically while on the stand, Dieterick maintained his innocence. He testified that if he had signed the name it was not forgery, "...it was simply administrative in nature and done to expedite the transaction that had taken place."

Although no sentencing date has been set, presiding Judge Donald O'Malley allowed Dieterick's lawyers 10 days to file post trial motions.

# Prison

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away a judge's alternatives. Ryan agreed saying that about 90 percent of the inmates are in because of drug-related violations. Senator Lemmond explained that the President is now discussing giving the judges the right to conduct plea bargaining.

Rusiloski continued to express her concern over the crowding especially in the area of the cafeteria and laundry. "We don't want any trouble," she said. "That's why we are here."

The superintendent commended the governor on his appointment of the new State Superintendent Joseph Lehman, who came to Pennsylvania from the State of Washington.

"He came into a floundering system and is setting it straight," Ryan said. "He has restructured the department and has a deputy commissioner, an eastern deputy commissioner and a western deputy commissioner. They have added inmates all over the state until new facilities are built. They now have about 1,900 inmates at Camp Hill," Ryan told the committee.

In answer to Rep. Stanley Jarolin's question about overtime, Ryan said there was \$1,600,000 in overtime last year due to many of the officers going to Camp Hill.

# Lights

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section perhaps the township should look into picking up the costs.

"That is a busy intersection and the lights have helped a lot since they've been there," said Sutton.

The supervisors agreed that the lights are necessary at the intersection but were concerned that by agreeing to take care of the costs for the lights they would be setting a precedent for the rest of the township.

"Residents of Lake Silkworth and other areas wanted lights and they have to pay extra for them," said Supervisor Douglas Ide. "I don't want to start something here and have it come back at us."

Supervisor Paul Goodwin said that the intersection was "unique" for the township. "There are a lot of school buses and students who use that intersection and we need the lights," he said.

Ide and Sutton agreed that the intersection was a major one for the school and also agreed the light was important. "I don't think we will be setting a precedent by agreeing to this," said Sutton after the discussion.

The board voted to pick up the

approximately \$13 monthly cost for both lights.

Also at the meeting the board appointed police officer Bill Bockus as the township's code enforcement officer. "This is a great idea," said Ide. "We have discussed this and the position is needed."

Sutton said that Bockus will work directly with zoning officer Barbara Simms and will help to investigate circumstances that "...do not seem right in pertaining to codes and ordinances in the township." He added that this will further enhance the newly updated zoning and planning ordinances.

Bockus will receive a salary of \$100 per month as code enforcement officer.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Tabled a motion dealing with the handling of hazardous material in the township until it could be reviewed by the township solicitor.

- Began to discuss the idea of setting of a recycling program in the township. The supervisors said that they would look into the program further in the near future.

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