

*****MIXED STATES
 100 1/1/99 ** 45
 BRIGHTON BINDERY
 BOX 336
 BRIGHTON, IA 52540

SERVING THE BACK MOUNTAIN



FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

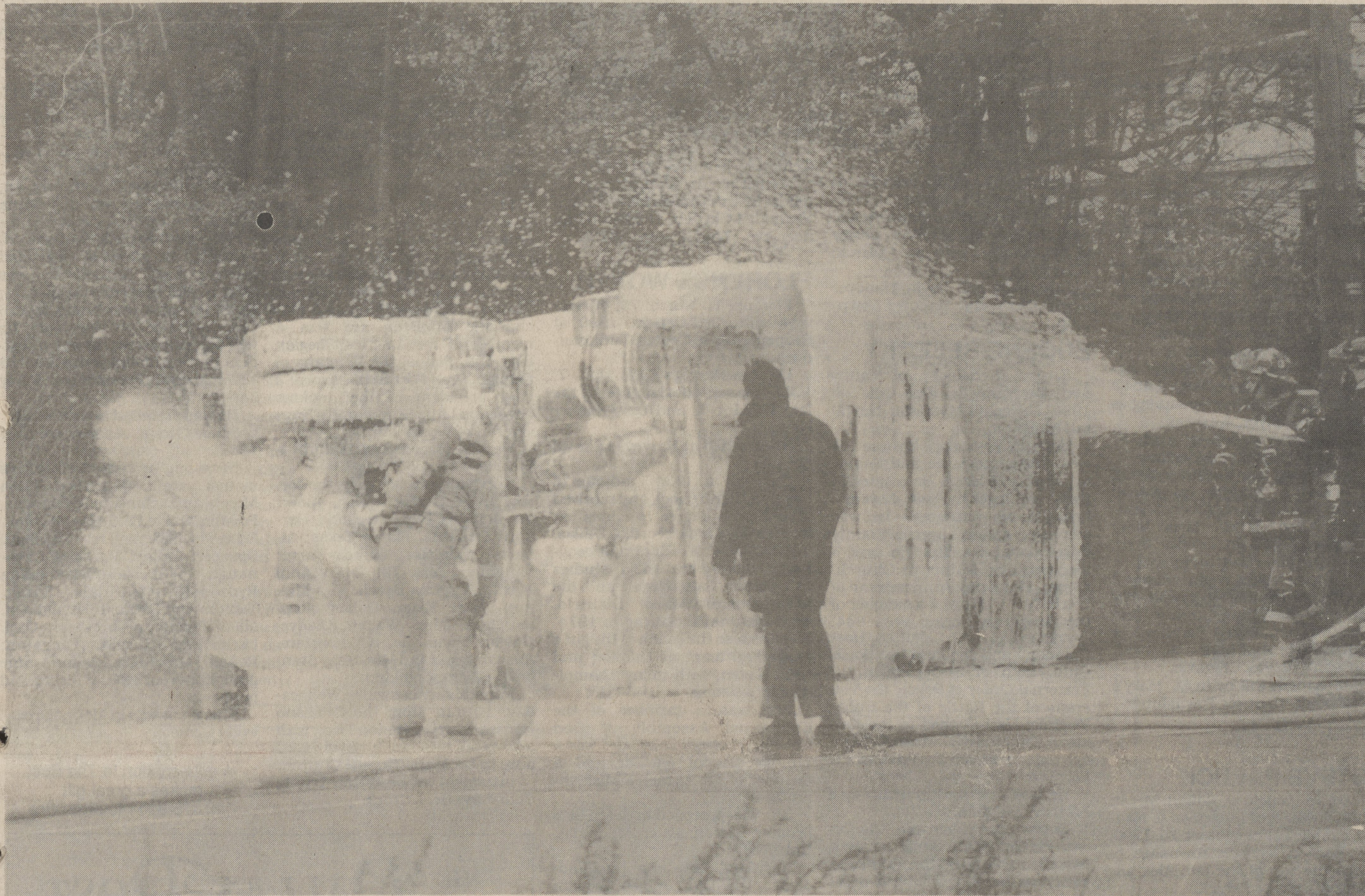
THE DALLAS POST

Vol. 101 No. 43

Dallas, PA Wednesday, October 31, 1990

35 Cents

Fast work by fire, police crews averts disaster



By RICH JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

Quick and competent action by local emergency personnel averted a potential disaster October 26.

At about 10:00 a.m., a gasoline truck carrying 2,600 gallons of unleaded gasoline overturned on Route 309 in Shavertown, just south of the Ranch Wagon. The truck, driven by Richard Habel, 59, of Plymouth, was traveling north on Route 309 when, according to police, it swerved to miss two cars which were stopped on the roadway. As the truck began to roll over it landed on top of a 1976 Cadillac Seville driven by Grace Wilson, 62, of Dallas.

Habel, the driver of the truck owned by the Mahaffey Oil Co., Inc. of Swoyersville, was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Miraculously, Wilson received only minor injuries when the huge vehicle crushed the top of her car.

MORE PHOTOS, PG 5

Within minutes of the accident, emergency crews were on scene to stop the leaking gasoline from igniting or spreading into a nearby drainage system.

Crews from the Shavertown Fire Company were the first firemen on scene and immediately began efforts to contain the gas spill and douse any chance of the liquid igniting.

"The steps taken initially when the crews got there helped a lot," said Shavertown fire chief Gary Biesel. "All things considered, this could have been a lot worse."

Biesel said that crews from all over the Back Mountain helped handle the hazardous materials situation correctly. "We talk about this, we drill on it and we train on it, and when the time came we

PREVENTING A FIRE - Fire personnel covered a gasoline truck with fire-retardant foam after it overturned last Friday in Shavertown. Quick action by fire and police

crews averted a potential disaster. Route 309 was closed for seven hours until the wreck and spilled gasoline were cleaned up. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)

See DISASTER, pg 5

Firewood Farm homes save energy

By RICH JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

It is a world all to itself; quiet, peaceful, scenic and above all energy efficient. Firewood Farm, located off Dug Road in Kingston Township, is a development of 10 very special homes; each is built and equipped to be as energy efficient as possible.

Relying on solar heat and proper insulation, the homes cost owners very little for heating and cooling, according to Betsy Hibbard, the woman who designed the first houses built there.

"There was a time to conserve energy" said Hibbard, "but that time was in the 1970's. Now people shouldn't be paying for oil, they should be finding other methods."

About ten years ago, Hibbard found another method of heating and had the first house built at the Firewood Farm site.

"When I was 16, I was going to a Quaker School and came across a man who predicted that we would reach our peak consumption of oil in the 1970's," said Hibbard. "I became curious and began to read a lot about solar energy and energy conservation."

She said she began to come up with ideas on how to conserve energy in a home and she and her husband planned the home as a retirement project.

Solar energy is first

The conservation ideas in the homes include solar heating and the right amount of insulation. Most of the windows in the homes face to the south to catch the sun's rays. The walls and roof are well insulated, and a rock and gravel heat storage system is installed under the floors.



SAVING ENERGY - Francois and Mary Beaumont moved into their Firewood Farm home in September. Like all homes in the development, their house uses a combination of solar and wood heating. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Hibbard says that the floor system provides radiant heat, which means as the heat comes through the floor it heats objects and that in turn heats the home.

To store the heat energy, warm air is sent underground by pipes located in the house.

The underground rock storage area is covered with gravel, a 4" cement slab and ceramic tile. As the heat rises it heats the floor and other objects.

This heat and the solar heat are supplemented by heat from

See FIREWOOD, pg 3

Mundy stumps without real opponent

Editor's Note: The Dallas Post had intended to publish interviews with both the Democrat and Republican candidates for state representative from the 120th District this week. The article below was the result of an interview conducted October 17, before the Republican incumbent, Scott Dietterick, asked that his name be removed from the ballot.

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
 Staff Writer

Phyllis Mundy, the Democrat candidate for state representative from the 120th District, has established three E's—environment, education and ethics—as the cornerstone of her campaign.

"I'm pleased with the way my campaign is going," Mundy said. "I've spoken to a lot of groups and

I am very encouraged by persons I've talked to. I have had a warm response from Democrats and Republicans." To back up that claim, Mundy ticked off the names of several Republicans who are working on her campaign.

Mundy did say she would welcome an opponent and take the focus off politics and place it on issues.

"It's difficult to discuss issues when there is no one with whom to discuss them," she said.

Abortion, education, tax reform, wetlands and ethics are among the issues she has emphasized as she has gone door-to-door throughout the district.

Mundy is pro-choice on the abortion issue. She believes the decision of whether or not to have

See MUNDY, pg 3



PHYLLIS MUNDY

Republicans say they're now backing Dietterick

By RICH JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

Despite his conviction on 19 counts including fraud and forgery, and his request to be removed from the ballot, area Republicans say they are united in supporting Scott Dietterick in the upcoming election.

That claim was supported over the weekend as more than 250 Republicans attended a breakfast in support of candidates in the election. During the breakfast Dietterick was introduced and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

"That shows what we think of him," said Fifth District GOP Chairman Tom Reese. "As far as I know everyone is backing Dietterick and the rest of the party."

Reese said that recent turmoils haven't hurt the party's unity. "After the breakfast the executive committee from the fifth district met with the executive committee

of the county and we all voiced our support to back Dietterick and all the Republicans in the election," said Reese.

Full GOP support is really only needed in the race for the 120th District House seat where Dietterick faces opposition from Democrat Phyllis Mundy.

Other GOP incumbents, including State Representative George Hasay in the 117th District and state Senator Charles Lemmond, are running unopposed for their seats.

Republican leaders feel they have enough support to re-elect Dietterick and thus the party can keep the seat in the House of Representatives.

Controversy began to surround the race in the 120th District last year when Dietterick was charged with the violations in connection with falsified insurance forms filed by his insurance agency. Earlier

See DIETTERICK, pg 14

Inside The Post

Calendar.....	18
Classified.....	15-17
Editorials.....	4
Obituaries.....	2
Property transfers...	3
School.....	13
Sports.....	14-15

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Wed., Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus, Lehman

Fall Community Events

Bazaar and Turkey Supper - Sat., Nov. 3, begins at 4:30 p.m., Noxen Methodist Church. Adults \$6.00, children under 12, \$2.50
Roast Beef Dinner, Bake Sale, Bazaar - Sat., Nov. 3, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Dymond Hollow UM Church. Adults \$6.00, children \$3.00.