(continued from page 1) thing about the problem until the owner of the house comes before the board. He also said it is up to the township solicitor to take the steps to have the owner apply for

a certificate of occupancy Frey stated that he understood the residents who will live in the house get as much as \$90 a day which goes to the owner. Geddes said he appreciates the problem but the board has to wait until something comes to them showing violation of the ordinance.

Township zoning officer Leonard Kozick said a contractor came to him for a permit to construct an outside stairway on the house, which is legal. Atty. Townend said he would talk to John Kennedy, Kotsul's legal advisor to see if they could have some dialogue or negotiations about the home but if they cannot, it will be up to the supervisors to take the case before a magistrate.

Following the zoning board meeting, the planning commission approved a request by Benjamin Kasmark for a one-lot subdivision on his property on Ransom Road.

Tuula D'Anca of Goodleigh Farm's request to have a bond issue set up for roads on her property (solicit bids) was not approved by he commission.

In the earlier meeting, Frank Wagner's request to attend school to obtain a Commercial Class III drivers license was approved by the board of supervisors.

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said the council was looking into the increase. "The borough has an unexclusive contract. It would help if we could get another company to bid against the present company."

"I certainly don't believe the people should be penalized by having to pay the three percent fee that the company pays to the borough," said Mayor Paul LaBar. "We didn't even ask for that percentage. They offered it to us in the beginning. The residents shouldn't re to have that tacked onto their It's not fair," LaBar continued.

Jonathan Valentine asked the members about the status of the rumble strips and the wigwag light for Route 309. Borough manager Milt Lutsey replied that his office had received two bids on the light and he was going to contact PennDOT about the light going up and what they were going to do about the rumble strips. The bids ere from Kuharchik Construc-In for \$3,945 and the other from Star Signal Inc. for \$2,350 to be paid within 10 days after comple-

Because of the large difference in the bids, council voted to table accepting either one until further investigation was made, and vote on the bid in March.

Council also voted to enter into purchasing of materials with Dallas Township and Kingston Township with Jeff Box of Kingston Township as coordinator. The bulk purchase makes it possible to buy at a lower price.

In response to Dallas resident Jussell Eyet's question about Mether or not they would consider re-hiring Jack Wolensky as director of the borough playground, Carroll told him that the council could do nothing until Bob Brown, chairman of that committee re-

turned from Florida. "Brown told your wife that when he returns he will sit down to discuss the playground situation and listen to their input with representatives appointed by their group," Carroll said.



**Arm Wrestling Champions** 

Ninety Lake-Noxen Elementary students participated in an arm wrestling tournament held recently by their phys ed instructor Dwight Barbacci. Both boys and girls in fifth and sixth grade participated. Winners in each weight division are above, first row from left, Nikki Newell, girls middleweight champ; Erica Fugate, girls flyweight champ; Bill Breha, boys lightweight champ; second row, Dwight Barbacci phys ed teacher; Tommy Patton, boys middleweight champ; Bill Humphreys, boys heavyweight champ; and Kim Spencer, girls heavyweight champ. Absent from photo, Jenny Elliott, girls lightweight champ. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)



Lehman accident causes damage to cars, porch

Two men suffered minor injuries in an accident that severely damaged two cars and the porch of a Lehman Township home February 23. Lehman Township police say the accident occurred at the intersection of Market and Mill Streets in the township. According to the police report, a vehicle driven by John S. Menneci of Brooklyn, New York was traveling on Mill Street and failed to stop at the intersection. Menneci's automobile entered the intersection and struck a car driven by Scott E. Oakley of Market Street. After the collision, both cars went onto property and through a fence owned by John Collins. Menneci's vehicle continued on the property and crashed into Collins' porch. Lehman Township ambulance personnel transported the two drivers to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital

where they were treated and released. The damage to both cars and to the Collins' property was extensive. "We aren't really sure how it happened," said Collins after the accident. Collins and his wife were sleeping when the accident occurred. "We both work the night shift and were sleeping when we heard a loud crash and then the house shook," he said. "We came downstairs and found a car was in our porch." No charges have yet

been filed in connection with the accident. Shown above is Collins and Harveys Lake Police Officer William Alaimo as they assess the damage to the porch. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

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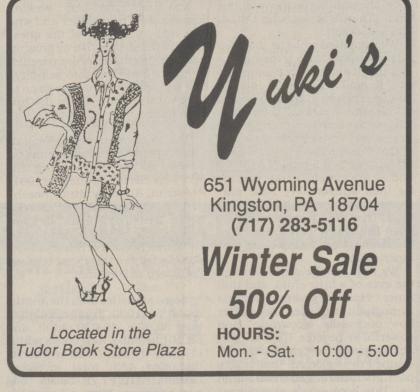
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## Cooney uses 16 years of army service in Gulf

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Sgt. Thomas Cooney, brother of Mildred Cooney of Trucksville, has been in the United States Army for 16 years and is now on duty in the Persian Gulf.

The son of the late Barbara and John Cooney, formerly of Pikes Creek, Thomas Cooney graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1971, then worked for about two years before he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he has pursued his

Sgt. Cooney is a crewman on an M-I A-I tank and since the ground war started could be among those invading to drive the Iraquis from Kuwait.

He has done a tour of duty in Germany four times and in Korea once. His last tour in Germany was in October. It was from there his sister Mildred received a letter saying he would be going to Saudi

"He was standing by about a month before he finally shipped out to the Mideast by plane," said Mildred.

Sgt. Cooney is married and his wife is living in Colorado, where he was stationed before going to Ger- his retiring.



SGT. THOMAS COONEY

many. The Cooneys thought he would be staying there so they bought a home ...

Cooney appears to be following in his late father's footsteps. John Cooney was a career man in the U.S. Air Force for 25 years prior to

## Mitchell is member of tank division in Saudi Arabia

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

PFC John Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Lake Catalpa road, Dallas, has been in the United States Army since hortly after he graduated from Dallas High School in 1988

Today he is a PFC in the HHT-2-4 Calvary in Saudi Arabia. A member of the tank division, until the ground war started he was driving a supply truck in Saudi Arabia. Since the start of the ground war this past Saturday, it is difficult to know what he is doing.

After a month of not hearing from John, his parents received a letter Saturday before last saying he was feeling good and that he was eating well.

"His spirits seemd to be high from the tone of the letter," said his mother. "Before going to Saudi Arabia, he was in Germany for 18 months then came home on leave in July and August, then reported

to Georgia. "When he reported to Georgia he received orders that he would be going to Saudi Arabia which he doesn't seem to mind. John, who has a twin brother who works at Offset Paperback, was always involved in scouting and became an write to him at: Eagle Scout. One summer he was a camp counselor. He always liked hiking and camping. I think that is why he doesn't mind the service and being in the Mideast," said



PFC JOHN MITCHELL

Mrs. Mitchell.

John also has an older brother Robert and four sisters all older than he. He always planned on enlisting in the Army, according to his mother.

John enjoys hearing from his friends at home so those living here in the Back Mountain can

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be prevented, properly prescribed reading glasses or bifocals will correct for the progressive loss in near-focusing power, and make reading at normal distances clear, sharp and comfortable. If you are having difficulty reading printed matter, don't put off an eye examination. It's a simple procedure and can make reading and close vision work a pleasure again.

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