

Police report

DALLAS BOROUGH ONE-CAR ACCIDENT

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1985 Ford Escort operated by Thomas Okonski, 22, of Dallas, was involved in a one-vehicle accident Thursday, November 21. Police said that the Okonski vehicle was traveling north on route 415 when it failed to negotiate a right turn onto Church Street. It mounted a curb and struck a PennDOT no parking sign, coming to rest in the parking area of the Dallas Atlantic gas station, police said. The vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported. Dallas Borough Patrolman James Drury investigated the accident.

DUI ARREST

According to Dallas Borough police, Joseph S. Krupa, 44, of Wilkes Barre was arrested and charged with DUI and drinking an alcoholic beverage while operating a motor vehicle. Police said that the charges were related to an incident in which Krupa was observed driving erratically on Routes 415 and 309 while drinking. His BAC was .31, police said. Dallas Borough Patrolman Willima Norris, assisted by Kingston Township Police Sergeant James Balvage and Patrolman Robert Weiss investigated the incident.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP FATAL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT

According to Dallas Township police, an industrial accident at the property of Edmund Davis of Overbrook Estates claimed the life of John Paul Brdaric, Sr., 59, of Luzerne, Thursday, November 21. Police said that Brdaric was driving a steam roller uphill when the motor stalled, causing the machine to roll backwards. As Brdaric attempted to restart the motor, the roller struck a tree, throwing him from the open cab and crushing him to death, police said. The accident is under investigation by OSHA, according to the report. Dallas Township Patrolman John Appel, Jr., investigated the accident.

POLICE INVESTIGATE THEFT FROM CAR

Dallas Township police are investigating a theft which occurred at the Country Club Shopping Center Friday, November 22. Police said that Pamela Laiti of RD2 Shickshinny accidentally left her blue denim purse in a shopping cart in front of Insalaco's Supermarket; when she returned for it, it was gone. The purse contained approximately \$650 in cash, a checkbook and a savings account book, police said.

TWO VEHICLE ACCIDENT

According to Dallas Township police, a 1985 Oldsmobile Firenza operated by Deborah Ann Domanish, 31, of Larksville and a 1979 Chevrolet Scottsdale pickup truck operated by Leonard R. Searfoss, 23, of Noxen, were involved in a rear-end accident Sunday, November 17. Police said that both vehicles had been traveling north on Route 309 when the Searfoss vehicle stopped with its turn signal on, in order to turn left into the Mobil gas station near Commonwealth Telephone Company. The Domanish vehicle struck the rear end of the Searfoss vehicle, police said. Dallas Township Patrolman Elliot Ide investigated the accident.

FIRE REPORT FIRE MARSHAL LOOKS INTO TRAILER FIRE

According to Dallas Township police and Dallas Borough Fire Chief Robert Besecker, a trailer owned by Dana Narsavage at 27 Hemlock Street, Fern Brook, was destroyed in a fire Wednesday, November 20. Sixteen Dallas firefighters and three engines were dispatched to the scene, Besecker said. The cause of the fire is under investigation by Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Norwilla, according to the report.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP COLLISION AT NORTH MAIN AND E. CENTER

Two cars collided at East Center Street and North Main Street on November 20 at 3:15 p.m., according to police.

Robert V. Stambaugh Jr., of Zinn Street, Trucksville, told police he was driving his 1979 Cadillac Sedan DeVille south on North Main Street and stopped at the stop sign at the intersection with East Center Street. Stambaugh said he didn't see a 1984 Ford Crown Victoria driven by Louis Orloski Jr., Ridge Street, Shavertown, coming. Orloski, who was traveling east on East Center Street, said he applied his brakes and served to the right to avoid a collision, but was unable to. Both cars were driven from the scene, police said.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Michael A. Moravec.

TWO CARS CRASH AT CENTER ST. AND 309

Two cars collided at the intersection Route 309 and East Center Street November 20 at about 9 a.m., police said.

Connie LaJeunesse, 41, of Perrin Avenue, Shavertown, told police that she was entering Route 309 from East Center Street when her 1988 Dodge station wagon was struck by a 1982 Subaru driven by Tammy Ellen Cheskiewitz, 20, of Railroad Avenue, Kingston. LaJeunesse told police that she had the green light. Cheskiewitz told police that she was unable to stop in time to avoid the crash. Both cars were moderately damaged.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Robert Weiss.

VAN STOLEN

David Roberts, of East Center Street, Shavertown, reported to police on November 22 that between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. that day, someone stole a 1986 Chevrolet window van from his property. The keys had been left in the van, police said. The van is gray with an 18 inch red strip around it. The registration plate was ZXX-667.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Robert Weiss.

REAR END COLLISION

Two drivers reported a rear-end automobile collision that occurred on Route 309 on November 21 at about 4:30 p.m., police said.

Richard F. Anderson, 26, of Butternut Road, Shavertown, told police that he was driving north on Route 309 in the right lane when he saw the car in front of him stop suddenly because a "Blazer" in front of that car stopped or slowed suddenly. Anderson said he applied his brakes, but couldn't avoid having his 1985 Pontiac Firebird collide with a 1979 Honda Civic driven by Ronald Mooney 4th, of Dietz Road, RR5 Tunkhannock.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Michael A. Moravec.

Dallas Borough budget will be close call

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

The Dallas Borough Council adopted a proposed 1992 budget that holds the line on taxes, but council members expressed concern that services may have to be cut to meet the plan.

At its meeting November 19, the council noted that no millage increases have been proposed; however no contingency funds have been appropriated for emergencies. Borough Council president Don Cooper commented, "This is a very lean budget. It will work only with prudent management, a bolt of lightning and an act of God. We might not see all of the services that we want to provide."

Six council members voted in favor of the budget; Marie Eyt cast the only dissenting vote.

Later, Ms. Eyt explained her vote in a written press release. "I

was of the opinion during the budget process that a three-mill increase was necessary for the following reasons: to cover the coming year's expenditures, to provide funding for any unforeseen or emergency situations, to pay for this year's fiscal deficit and to insure completion of our road improvement system. I was in the minority with my opinion. I respect the majority of council's opinion that this is a workable budget, and I understand their unwillingness to raise taxes given our present economy. However, my financial background and experience with the budget process lead me to believe that the services demanded by my constituents will not be fully provided for under this proposed budget."

A second budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, at 7 p.m.

In other business, the council

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Donald Cooper
President, Dallas Borough Council

noted that a DUI checkpoint will be held in Dallas Borough December 13, in cooperation with the Luzerne County DUI Task Force.

Council also authorized the borough manager to apply for a loan to purchase a new police cruiser, which will cost approximately \$14,000 for the vehicle and installation of all necessary electronic police equipment. The property committee also noted that a garage for the police cruisers is

needed.

After a discussion on covering the garbage fees of those residents who have applied for consideration as hardship cases and cannot afford the yearly fee, the council decided to have DAMA, as the official collection agency, work out funding for this. For every extra bag of garbage, residents must purchase a sticker for \$1.50, which is presently retained by DAMA for expenses. Council members felt that money from this account could pay for the hardship cases, rather than having DAMA, Danella and the municipalities each paying 1/3 of the fee, as had been suggested.

Borough Manager Milton Lutesey reported that the borough's Christmas decorations will be lit beginning Wednesday, November 27.

The next regular borough council meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, at 8 p.m.

No leads yet in robbery at Merchants Bank

According to Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers, a man wearing a ski mask held up the Merchants Bank at the intersection of Routes 415 and 118 Friday, November 22, shortly before 7 p.m.

Miers said that the man entered the bank while brandishing a handgun and told the employees that it was a holdup. He escaped with an undetermined amount of cash, Miers said. No customers were in the bank at the time.

Miers described the suspect as a white male wearing dark clothing and a ski mask. The FBI in Scranton and the Pennsylvania

State Police Wyoming Barracks Research and Identification Unit are assisting in the investigation. The FBI has jurisdiction over any bank insured by the FDIC, such as Merchants Bank, Miers explained.

Miers said that this was the first armed robbery on record in the township.

Chief Miers asks that anyone who was in the vicinity of Merchants Bank between 6:45 and 7:15 p.m. Friday night and who noticed any unusual person, vehicle or activity to contact the Dallas Township police at 675-5251 or the FBI at 344-2404.

Two injured when car flips on Route 309 in Shavertown

Two women were injured after the car they were riding in flipped over on Route 309 Sunday, November 24.

Bryn E. Kriedler, of Edwardsville Apartments, Edwardsville, was driving a 1990 Pontiac Grand Am south on Route 309 at about 3 p.m. when the car swerved right and hit the Ellis Avenue Street sign, police said.

The car continued another 64 feet and hit an embankment, which

flipped the car onto its roof. The car slid 230 feet on its roof before stopping, police said.

Kingston Township Ambulance, Rescue 1, and the Shavertown Fire Company responded to the accident. Kriedler and her passenger, Suzanne Avellini, of Staten Island, N.Y., were taken to Nesbitt Hospital, where they were treated and released.

Investigating officer was Sgt. James J. Balavage.



Thanksgiving fun

Katelyn Kaminski, left, and Bridget Reilly joined in the fun at Gate of Heaven School's Thanksgiving play November 21. (Post photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

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