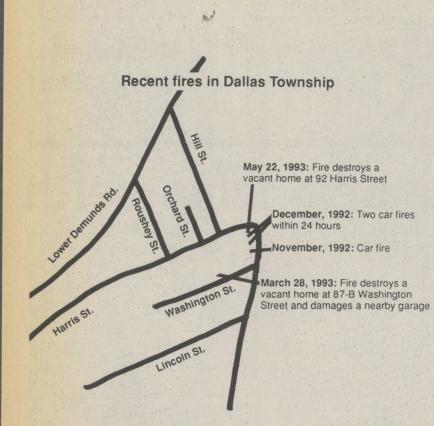
## Fires -

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Her voice quivered.

"It's weird - in every case where there has been a fire, the yard touches ours," she commented. "It's pretty scary," added a rela-

tive who refused to be identified. As yellow police tapes around the scene of the latest blaze at 92 Harris Street fluttered in the eve-

ning breeze, neighbors spoke cautiously of the rash of suspicious fires. No children were out and about,

and the smell of stale ashes could occasionally be detected on the evening breeze blowing in from the nearby woods.

"These fires have us scared. I don't want you to use my name because they might get back at destroyed in an earlier fire.

me," confided a neighbor. "You get different stories from everybody. I'm thinking of getting a dog

for protection." A protective dog certainly didn't help the man known to neighbors as Rocky, who until recently lived at 92 Harris Street. Police said that he had moved out approximately two weeks before the fire.

"Rocky told me that his dog always barked at the kids hanging out on the corner smoking," said next-door neighbor Alice Miller. "He said he never paid attention. Then in December his car burned up the same night that my son's did."

Mrs. Miller's car had also been

"When we get a call from that section of Roushey Plot, we certainly know that it's not a false alarm," said Dallas Fire Chief Bob Besecker, who had made a hasty exit from his daughter's wedding reception to direct firefighters at the May 22 house fire.

"They're all right near that corner on Harris Street. They have to be together," he continued. "It had to be suspicious. The house was vacant, with no utilities hooked up. Someone drove by shortly before the fire and saw nothing out of the ordinary."

Besecker said that he only notifies police and the fire marshal if he can't determine the cause of a fire.

Dallas Township Patrolman Robert Jolley, assisted by the Pennsylvania State Police Fire Mashal and State Police Trooper Sylvester Myers, are investigating

the cause of the May 22 blaze. Arson fires are often difficult to investigate and prosecute because normally there are no witnesses and little circumstantial evidence to follow up on, Chief Miers said. "Luckily, in this case we have

plenty of evidence and hope to make an arrest soon," Miers said. "We may file other charges in connection with the fire.'

Miers said that before police in Luzerne County can arrest an arson suspect, they must first present the entire case and all evidence to the district attorney for review and approval.

There's plenty of evidence," Miers said. "I feel confident that an arrest will be made soon."

And as the rest of the Back Mountain sleeps, the neighbors of Roushey Plot nervously watch one another's yards, looking for clues or connections, ready to help if another fire breaks out. And praying that there won't be another one.



EARLY MORNING FIRE - Firefighters battled an early-morning blaze Monday, May 31, which completely destroyed a vacant garage on Eighth Street near Municipal Road in Franklin Township.

## Franklin Twp. fire termed suspicious

## By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

The Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal has been asked to investigate an early morning fire Monday, May 31, which destroyed the old Emanuel bus garage in Franklin Township on Eighth Street near Municipal Road and disrupted telephone service to the eastern section of the township for several hours.

According to the Franklin Township Fire Company's log, the vacant structure was fully engulfed in flames by the time that firefighters from Franklin Town-

ship, Franklin-Northmoreland, Trucksville, Shavertown and Mount Zion arrived on the scene shortly after 1:15 a.m.

For a short time a nearby home was threatened by the flames, which also damaged overhead power lines, which will have to be replaced.

Visible from the upper end of Flat Rock Road, the fire cast a bright orange glow into the sky over the treetops, while hoses snaked for a half a mile down Flat Rock Road and up Eighth Street to the fire scene and tankers bringing water to the scene shuttled back and forth from area creeks. Eighth Street, the lower end of Flat Rock Road and Orange Road were shut down for several hours.

Seventy-five firefighters battled the blaze, which twice flared up in small spots later Monday and Monday evening. Franklin Town-ship assistant chief Jeff Sudol said that the Memorial Day fire was the second at the old garage since mid-fall. "Whenever we don't know the cause of a fire, we call in the fire marshal to investigate it," Sudol said. He expected the investigation to be slightly delayed; by the three-day holiday.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD Region 1: Harveys Lake Lake Twp. Noxen TOTAL R D R D R D R D 93/115 145/68 Allen Moss 129/68 367/239 197/212 Irene Brislin 51/34 20/22 268/268

These are the corrected figures for the Lake-Lehman school board race in Region 1, which is comprised of Harveys Lake, Lake Township and Noxen. According to Luzerne County Bureau of Elections director Mary Ellen Sacco, the winner of the race is determined by adding the vote count from Noxen, in Wyoming County, to the Harveys Lake and Lake Township totals. Therefore the figures indicate that Allen Moss will run on the Republican ticket in November, while Irene Brislin will run on the Democratic ticket.

New food program at Living Faith Church

Living Faith Free Methodist Church, in conjunction with Luzerne County Headstart, is pleased to announce their participation in the SHARE food program. Everyone is eligible for this program; the motto is "If you eat, you qualify.'

SHARE is a nationwide program which helps communities through a self-help program SHARE provides a monthly food package worth \$30-\$35 for \$13 plus two hours of community service. The community hours can be earned helping with the SHARE food program and distribution or any volunteer work done within the community. All items included in your order are fresh fruits, vegetables and meats.

Registration will be held at

Living Faith Free Methodist Chuch located at 370 Carverton Rd., Trucksville, June 9 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon and June 10, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Payment for the orders can be in cash, or food stamps, no checks.

For additional information, please call Charmayne Floryan 283-0466 or Rev. Jim Genet, 696-2535.

