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dust. Redmond also produced several bills, including a telephone bill, sent to the Brace Road address.

He said that he plans to move into a new home on Ransom Road in Franklin Township next week.

"My home is here," he said. "Whether I sleep here every night or not is my business. I work all day at the pallet factory and until 2:30 or 3 a.m. at the Kandle-Lite. Some nights I go home and some nights I stay at an apartment over the bar. No one has ever knocked on my door at 7 a.m. to see if I'm there."

The controversy has been the subject of two articles in the *Citizens' Voice*, which Redmond says have humiliated his family and aggravated his wife's health problems.

"I am consulting an attorney about filing a lawsuit against the *Citizens' Voice*, Joy Daubert, Bill Miller and Joe O'Donnell," he said. "I have been humiliated. I won't resign just because someone has been telling lies about me in the newspapers."

Joy Daubert, the Franklin Township tax collector who also is Redmond's sister, disagreed with his statements about his place of residence.

"He has a house trailer on the family farm on Brace Road, but no one has lived there continuously for at least two years," she said. "He's been building another home in the township for the past five years."

Daubert said that she had recently been asked "by a Franklin Township supervisor" whom she did not name to remove Redmond

from the township's delinquent per capita tax list.

Where a person pays his per capita tax is one way of determining one's residency, Daubert said.

Redmond pays a per capita tax of \$10 to Kingston Township, which he said was part of an agreement with a former bar manager who had lived in the apartment at the Kandle-Lite until 18 months ago.

It's sometimes complicated to determine a person's legal residence, according to Luzerne County director of elections Mary Ellen Sacco.

A person's residence is "where he has intention of remaining for an indefinite period of time," according to information which Sacco gave to a reporter.

The information on the nominating petitions, including legal residence, is given under oath in an affidavit, Sacco said. Giving incorrect information on one's nominating petition could be interpreted as perjury, she said.

"For years no one has ever questioned Mr. Redmond's nominating petitions," Sacco said.

"I have lived in Franklin Township since 1955 and have been a supervisor since 1986," he said. "The taxpayers all believe in me. I have never had any problems."

Redmond claimed many accomplishments during his two terms in office, including having cable television installed, setting up a site for the distribution of government surplus food to the elderly and needy, completely reconstructing and paving 4-1/2 miles of dirt roads to meet state specifications, paving seven dirt roads, upgrading the township's road equipment, purchasing new



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE
HOME SWEET HOME - Franklin Township supervisor Robert Redmond and his son, Bruce, stand on the porch of the mobile home where they live on Brace Road in Franklin Township.

trucks and building a salt storage shed, which the township never had before.

Redmond credited Prebola and township secretary Sandy Race

with obtaining the grants which paid most of the cost of the salt shed.

"Prebola has done a great job for the township," he said.

No charges yet filed in two college rapes

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Police are investigating two rapes which occurred in dormitories on campus February 2 and 10.

"The February 10 rape, which occurred in a dorm which has one floor each of male and female residents, was reported immediately," said Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers. "We have identified a suspect but the victim has refused to prosecute."

Both the victim and the suspect had been at a party where alcohol had been served, Miers said.

While investigating the February 10 rape, police learned of the February 2 rape in a campus townhouse unit and confirmed the information March 25, Miers said.

A suspect in this rape was also identified. No drugs or alcohol were involved, Miers said.

The victim had left school after the rape and moved home, Miers said. The college learned about it when the victim's parents wrote to them about the incident. No charges have yet been filed.

Miers said that date rape wasn't involved in either case because the victims hadn't been dating the suspects, although they knew them.

According to director of the campus counseling center Gerry Wall, freshmen must attend weekly programs addressing date rape, relationships, substance use and other topics.

"All students must see a skit depicting alcohol use and date rape and afterwards have a chance to speak with the performers, who continue to stay in character," Wall said.

The director of residence life trains the resident assistants of each dorm to teach male and female students about safety. From their first day at Misericor-

dia College, students learn several ways to protect themselves on campus. Walking with a friend after dark, or calling security for an escort are advised.

Approximately half of Misericordia's undergraduate students live on campus, according to dean of students Sr. Jean Messaros, RSM.

A self-defense course is also offered by the physical education and continuing education departments.

"A college campus is actually a microcosm of society," Sr. Messaros said. "Nationwide statistics tell us that one of every seven women will be raped, so it could happen here."

Unless students report rapes and rape attempts to her office, Sr. Messaros said that she has no way of knowing about them.

"If a student files a formal incident report with us, we immediately begin an investigation and advise the victim to obtain counseling," she said. "We also encourage victims to notify the authorities. Although counseling is available, it's the victim's choice whether or not to receive it."

"This may be happening more often than it's reported," Miers said. "Rape is a very humiliating situation for women - they don't like to report it."

Most reported incidents on campus involve fighting or underage drinking, rather than rape, Sr. Messaros said.

"We encourage the women to follow safety procedures, but they have the right to choose whether or not they will," she said.

Miers said that police work with the Victims' Resource Center, which sponsors workshops about rape for police through the District Attorney's office.

"Women shouldn't be afraid to come forward and report these crimes," Miers said. "The more that rapes are reported and prosecuted, the less they will happen to someone else."

Parents of boy killed by school bus file lawsuit

The Dallas School District, Emanuel Bus Line, Inc. and bus driver Thomas M. Shina are the targets of a lawsuit filed by the parents of a Dallas Middle School student who died after being run over by a school bus in October, 1992.

The wrongful death suit, filed by Marjorie and Michael Brown, who now live on Mount Olivet Road in Kingston Township, seeks more than \$240,000 in damages as a result of the death of their

son, Mitchell Patrick Brown.

Benjamin Jones III, the school district's solicitor, said the matter has been referred to Commercial Union Insurance Co., of Boston, the district's liability carrier.

Mitchell Brown died October 30, 1992 after he was run over by the school bus that had just dropped him off on Pioneer Avenue, near the intersection of Wellington Drive. Police reports at the time stated Brown was crossing Pioneer Avenue when the

bus struck him, knocked him down and rolled over him. Shina said that he did not see the youngster.

No action was taken against the bus driver, and police termed the incident accidental. In the months following the accident, Dallas School District added safety devices to many buses, including swing-out wire gates that keep children from walking directly in front of buses.

The lawsuit charges the bus

driver, school district and bus company with negligence for failing to properly supervise their son. It also seeks damages for pain and suffering of both Mitchell Brown and his mother, who witnessed the accident.

Permits needed in Kingston Township

The residents or anyone locating in Kingston Township are reminded that the Zoning Ordinance requires that a Zoning Permit be issued for the following residential and non-residential activities:

The use of land, the use of buildings or the construction, enlargement, extension or modification of all buildings, accessory buildings, garages, decks, sheds, patios, fences, retaining walls, swimming pools, off street parking facilities, driveways or other projections into yard space.

Demolition of a structure and a home occupation require permits.

In addition, a building permit is required for all new construction, including accessory buildings and enlargement, or exterior modification of existing buildings.

Permits or additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Officer, in the Municipal Office at 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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