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## No bids for large Yalick acreage

Smaller part brings \$75,000

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Only the smaller parcel of the Yalick Farm drew a bid Tuesday, as it and a larger section were put to private auction.

If the Yalick family's attorney accepts the high bid of \$75,000, the Conyngham family, owners of Hillside Farms, will be the new owners of the 3-acres to the east side of Route 415, including a former produce stand.

The bidding had started at \$50,000, with Will Conyngham raising it to \$75,000.

Auctioneer Douglas Clemens of Tralman Auction Co. was unable to attract a higher bid.

"That sounds just about right. It's a fair price," said realtor Lucile M. Parker of Howell and Jones.

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Lehman's Harold Roberts chipped up to the green during last week's golf match between the Black Knights and Dallas. Lehman won, 175-186. More photos on sports pages.

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## Prison plan ires guards, scares public

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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The Department of Corrections' proposal to close three housing units and set up regular perimeter patrols instead of posting guards in five of eight watchtowers at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID) has provoked criticism from both the prison guards' union and the community.

According to SCID media officer Tom Figmick, corrections commissioner Joseph Lehman informed the guards' union, AFSCME Local 2496, last week that three modular housing units would be closed and their 84 inmates and corrections officers reassigned because keeping the units open isn't cost-effective.

"This shouldn't happen. It's a rash, stupid plan."

Sgt. William Lewis  
Union local president

Posting round-the-clock armed guards in the prison's eight watchtowers is also not cost-effective and could largely be replaced with two 24-hour mobile patrols, Figmick said.

Lehman's announcement of a new staffing plan took both the union and Jackson Township residents by surprise.

"I didn't know a thing about it until a local TV station called me

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## Fire Prevention Week

### Chief lists safety tips

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

It's Fire Prevention Week, a time to review fire safety procedures at home and at work.

Fire strikes quickly, unexpectedly, and can happen to anyone. Shavertown fire chief Gary Beisel has a few potentially life-saving suggestions:

- Remember EDITH: Exit Drills In The Home.

- Have a home escape plan and be sure that everyone in the house knows what to do and where to go in case of fire. Teach children how to get out of the house quickly and safely.

- Designate a meeting place for the family in case of a fire.

"Firefighters have been injured

and killed going inside a burning building to look for someone who was actually outside but didn't know where to find the rest of the family," he said.

- Teach children how to dial 911 and give the correct address.

- Use special stickers to indicate rooms where children or handicapped persons may be sleeping. Pet stickers are also a good idea. "Also remember to remove the stickers once the children are grown and not living there any more," Beisel said.

- Make sure that young children learn not to be afraid if they

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## Money will decide 911 question

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Deciding whether or not the Back Mountain joins with Luzerne County's proposed 911 system may be a matter of economics.

While area volunteer fire and ambulance companies fear losing out on donations if the Back Mountain joins the county system, elected officials are concerned about double taxation — municipal contributions to keep the Back Mountain open as a secondary answering point and residents paying \$1.25 per month per phone number to pay for the county system.

According to Dallas assistant fire chief Tom Doughton, if people are forced to pay \$1.25 per month while having their municipalities contribute to the Back Mountain center, they might begin to believe that the volunteer fire and ambulance companies don't need their donations any more.

"People could confuse their paying for 911 service and the Back Mountain center with sup-

porting all-volunteer fire and ambulance companies," Doughton said. "We rely on the community for support — we're totally funded by donations. Dallas never charges for fire or ambulance services. We have no mandatory membership fees and never charge people's medical insurance. If people think that their 911 payments are helping us, it could cut into our income from donations."

Dallas is the heaviest user of the Back Mountain Communications Center, answering more than 800 ambulance and 150 fire calls a year, Doughton said.

Doughton and other firefighters have gone to other areas to check out their regional enhanced 911 systems similar to what Luzerne County wants to organize.

"Our present system is great, but enhanced 911 is practically foolproof," he said. "We will support the Back Mountain's going in with the county's system — but only if they will give us the enhanced service that they have

### \$1.25 monthly phone charge could force the issue

promised."

"The member fire companies will act together and do what is best for the community. We will preserve our good working relationship with one another," said Back Mountain Firefighters' Association president Jack Dodson.

Each of nine member fire and ambulance companies contributes \$1,500 a year to the Back Mountain center, while the five member municipalities contribute between \$12,150 and \$32,798 and the Nesbitt Hospital's share is \$21,946.

The Back Mountain center's annual operating budget is \$152,806.

The Back Mountain has two chances to attempt to set up its own regional 911 system, according to Back Mountain Communications Center solicitor Mike

Melnick.

"Basically we are asking the court to declare us a separate regional system, tell us how to submit a 911 plan to the state and give us the legal ability to collect a monthly rate to fund ourselves," he said. "It's all based on interpretation of Act 78 (the 911 law.) If we lose in court, we'll submit our own 911 plan to the state. If the state says we can't do it, we'll get the court to declare us a regional 911 system."

Melnick didn't know whether or not the Back Mountain's lawsuit will delay approval of Luzerne County's 911 plan.

"I can't see how they can form a county-wide plan with a large part of that county wanting to go on another system," he said. "It throws a cog in their wheel."

Although the county will be required to pass an ordinance mandating the \$1.25 per month fee and designate the telephone company to collect it, Act 78

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## Name that road in Jackson

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

The Jackson Township supervisors are looking for a few good road names.

After voting to take over two roads in the township's Bunkotown section at their regular October 3 meeting, the supervisors requested that residents living on these roads and the unnamed road into the Sutton Farms development contact them with suggestions for road names.

"We'll have the final approval, but would certainly appreciate input from the people who live there," said chairman Walter Glogowski.

The two Bunkotown roads, presently known as "A" and "B," will be brought up to township specifications at a cost of \$89,800. The work, funded by a county grant, was awarded to William Vincent Construction.

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POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

### Harding's Happy Haunters

Afternoon kindergarten students in Ms. Harding's class at Dallas Elementary School showed off their poster at the school's annual walk-a-thon September 20 to raise money for PTO special assemblies and projects with the home and school visitor. Students are Emily Fabricatore, Alesia Burridge, Crystal Corker, Derek Rogers, Andrew Scalzo and Anthony Macri.

## Woman who bilked brides must pay back or face jail

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Back Mountain resident Tammy Slater, also known as Tamara Rowlands, owner of the former Tammy's Bridal and Veil Works in Shavertown, pleaded guilty to failure to collect and remit sales tax, three counts of theft by deception and three counts of deceptive business practices and waived her right to a preliminary hearing in Lackawanna County Court September 28.

She had been arraigned on the charges before District Magistrate

Carmen Minora September 4, after three Scranton women complained to police that she had taken deposits or payments on bridal gowns and failed to deliver them.

Slater's store, The Wedding Shoppe, on North Main Ave., on Scranton's West Side, was closed when the women went there for fittings or to pick up their gowns, according to Scranton police.

Patrolman Patrick Tobin was the investigating officer.

"Slater agreed to sign an agree-

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■ Fix up for fall A special Home Improvement section is included in this week's issue of *The Post*.

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