

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Woman to be tried for forgery

Multiple charges of forgery, theft by deception and receiving stolen property against Shavertown resident Stephanie Siegel, 19, were waived to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing November 9 before District Justice James Tupper.

The charges stemmed from an incident September 29, in which Thomas Mertz, the manager of Mr. Z's supermarket in Dallas, reported to police that Siegel had cashed two checks belonging to Linda Murphy for \$250 each, according to court records.

The manager of Insalaco's Supermarket in Shavertown also

reported to police that Siegel had cashed a check for \$49.50 there.

Siegel admitted cashing the checks and told police a man named Alfredo gave them to her, promising her some of the money in return.

Police learned the checks had been stolen September 26 from Murphy's residence in Wappinger's Falls, NY.

Represented by attorney Joseph Sklarosky, Jr., Siegel is lodged in the Luzerne County Prison in default of \$10,000 bail.

The arresting officers were Dallas Borough patrolman Russell Devens and Kingston Township patrolman Wade Curtis.

Bank office plans grand opening

The Dallas branch of Commonwealth Bank opened earlier this month in the new Orloski's Quik Mart complex. The bank and Orloski's are holding a grand opening celebration Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The full service branch has four drive-up lanes including a drive-up ATM machine. Drive-up windows are open Mon.-Thur. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The lobby opens at 9 a.m. each day. Shown in the office are, foreground from left, Peter Restaino, manager; Gloria Martin, ass't manager. At the teller windows, from left, Robert Shaffer, Warren Cotter, Laura Keeley and Judy Thoma.



TAKING BMW LANDS MAN IN HOT WATER

Tunkhannock resident Mark Culver, 26, waived his right to a preliminary hearing November 9 before District Justice James Tupper on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and receiving stolen property.

Additional charges of theft by unlawful taking were dismissed, according to court records.

The charges stemmed from incidents July 7, in which Culver allegedly stole a BMW valued at \$60,000 belonging to Richard Angelicola from Pickett's Charge Restaurant and rolled it over several times in an accident on Route 292 in Wyoming County.

The same day, Culver also al-

legedly removed a stereo/CD player, a CD, a watch and vehicle ownership cards and damaged the glove box from a Volkswagen belonging to Heather Lawley, and also removed a stereo and numerous cassette tapes from a car belonging to Michele Geise. Both vehicles had been parked at area businesses.

Represented by attorney Steve Urbanski, Culver is lodged in the Luzerne County Prison in default of \$12,500 bail.

Dallas Borough patrolmen James Drury, James Martin and Russell Devens investigated the incidents.

DUI CHARGED

Dallas resident Joseph M. Smee, 43, waived his right to a preliminary hearing November 9 before District Justice James Tupper on charges of driving while under the influence.

After failing field sobriety tests, Smee took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .266, more than twice the legal limit of .10.

Other D.U.I. charges and citations for not carrying a driver's license while driving and failure to use a seat belt were dismissed, according to court records.

The charges stemmed from an incident August 29, in which police observed Smee driving erratically on Route 309 in Dallas Township.

A second set of D.U.I. charges, from an incident September 10 in which Smee nearly ran his truck over an embankment along a road in Franklin Township and fell asleep before the Pennsylvania State Police arrived on the scene, were dismissed.

A blood test blood test showed his blood alcohol level to be .4, four times the legal limit.

Represented by public defender Gerald Deady, Smee is free on \$500 bail.

TO STAND TRIAL FOR BURGLARY, TRESPASS

Michael Yanchulis, 21, with no current address, waived his right to a preliminary hearing November 9 before District Justice James Tupper on charges of burglary,

criminal trespass and theft by unlawful taking.

The charges stemmed from an incident in which Yanchulis allegedly removed a bottle of soda and two large packages of hamburger from the refrigerator of a Lower Demunds Road home.

Represented by attorney Joseph Sklarosky, Yanchulis is lodged in the Luzerne County Prison in default of \$5,000 bail.

Dallas Township patrolman Robert Jolley, assisted by Kingston Township patrolmen Wade Curtis and Charles Rauschkolb, investigated the incident.

FOOD FIGHT LEADS TO COURT CASE

A charge of simple assault against Stanley Kwastavich, 38, of Trucksville, was sent to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing November 9 before District Justice James Tupper.

The charge resulted from an incident in which Kwastavich hit his brother, Peter Kwastavich, during an argument over the purchase of food. Peter Kwastavich sustained a bloody nose and had his hair pulled during the altercation.

Represented by attorney Sam Falcone, Stanley Kwastavich is free on \$1,000 bail.

Kingston Township patrolmen Charles Rauschkolb and Robert Parrish investigated the incident.

Ruby Elston

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Clarence died in 1986.

Mrs. Elston is a member of the Huntsville United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years, United Methodist Women, Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Wyoming Conference Historical Society. She is a direct descendant of the Rev. Jacob Johnson, who was Wyoming Valley's first settled minister in 1772.

Her son, Harold, lives on Reservoir Road, Huntsville, and daughter, Nancy, in State College. She has six grandchildren: David, Robert, Dale and Paul Elston, Eric and Heather Schimmel; nine great-grandchildren (two in heaven); one great-great-grandson and several nieces and nephews.

Happy birthday, Ruby, from all your family and friends.

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