

## Holidays

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"Nursing is a completely different world," Malonis said. "It's something you have to commit your life to. Our employees realize our residents can't control their own lives anymore, so they often volunteer to take them to the doctor or other appointments when they're not working."

"My family understands that I have centered my life around my shift," said Debbie Vogel, RNA.

Loving and caring about the residents extends even to the laundry room, where Helen Krause pulls her regular shift, then brings her three daughters in to volunteer.

Nicole, 15, Christina, 14 and Claire, 11, work as candy strippers, filling the patients' ice water pitchers or helping their mother in the laundry. They also plan to help out while on their winter vacation from school.

Helen volunteers every other weekend, including holidays.

"This is their last home," she said. "You want to make it as comfortable and happy for them as possible. I love the residents."



Staff members of The Meadows Nursing Center work on alternating holidays. Among those working Christmas were director of nursing services Diane Malonis, RN DON; Debra Vogel, RNA, Cindy Delescavage, RNA; volunteer Tabitha Beck, Tina Cook, RNA; Retta Pennycoff, LPN; Lisa Bowes, LPN and Karen Eaton, RNA.

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Working on a holiday can be a delicate balancing act for police officers, said Kingston Township sergeant Mike Moravec, who has worked 12 Christmases.

"It can be difficult if you have children at home and have to work the afternoon shift," he said. "We get an hour for dinner, so we can try to plan ahead a bit. But if we're in the middle of a family dinner and a call comes in, we have to leave. Or we'll be on the way home and have to answer a call - and never get to eat with the family."

This year he worked Christmas and will have New Year's Eve off, but will work New Year's Day.

Some officers save up their vacation days for holidays, he said. The officers follow a rotating schedule so they know which holidays they'll have to work.

"Christmas Eve is the problem night," Moravec said. "It's very active - you see lots of domestic fights. And the traffic is very heavy."

The up side of holiday duty is the munchies, he said. Officers, their families and residents wishing to thank an officer for helping them out often drop off plates of cookies or sandwich fixins at the Back Mountain Communications Center for the dispatchers and officers to enjoy during their shifts.

Veteran police officers and their families know working holidays is part of the job, Moravec said.

"My wife's brother was surprised I had to work, but she told

him crime doesn't stop because it's a holiday," he said.

Although their services aren't as vital as police or nurses, convenience store employees certainly provide important services on holidays.

Bob Wren, manager of the new Orloski's Quick Mart in Dallas, said he has no trouble filling shifts for Christmas and New Year's.

He's worked his share of holidays, which his family isn't always happy about, he said. "I try to get half a shift off to go home," he said.

Surprisingly, Christmas and New Year's bring in many customers needing milk, bread, batteries, snacks and gasoline. Many convenience stores are closed, making business good for those which are open.

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me because I'm working, but I think it's kind of fun," he said.

He throws himself into his job, bouncing between his office and the counter, helping out wherever he's needed, joking with his customers and giving their kids lollipops.

His employees work the holidays voluntarily, usually trying to give those with small children time at home on Christmas and those with older kids New Year's Day off.

## Cop's action

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and drowned," Moravec said. "There's a lot of ice in that creek - we probably wouldn't have found him until next spring."

Both were treated for hypothermia at the Nesbitt Hospital and released.

Curtis, 31, has worked with the Kingston Township police department for the past two years.

The Trucksville Fire Company, Rescue 1, the Kingston Township ambulance and the paramedic unit assisted at the scene

## Veteran

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Main Street, where the Mellon Bank now stands. They sold hardware, farm supplies, grain and coal. Before he started the hardware and farm supply business, John Reese was a motorman on the Harveys Lake streetcar.

Reese later founded Glenview Coal Supply on Lower Demunds Road near the Brown and Fasset mill behind Pen-Fern Oil. Railroad cars brought the coal to his business and unloaded it through large chutes to a storage area, which gave the area the name Coal Chute Hill.

When son Tom joined him in business in the mid 1940's after returning from serving in World War II, they bought the old Ryman barn at 66 Main Street and the small building alongside it. The barn became the company's truck garage and the building the office.

"We started using trucks because the trains to the Back Mountain were starting to peter out," Reese said. The barn was later sold and the small building, still owned by the family, is the Dallas Borough tax collector's office.

The family closed Glenview Coal Supply in 1971.

Reese attended schools in Lehman Township and Dallas

Borough, where classmate Ruby Bulford Elston remembered him as "the nicest boys there ever was."

"He was a good student and never got into trouble," she said. "The Reeses were a good family and Tom was a good all-around person. I'll always remember him." Classes were small at Dallas Borough, with the graduating classes having only four students.

Mrs. Elston said the last time she saw Mr. Reese was when she went to his son's office to pay her taxes. They laughed and reminisced about old times and school.

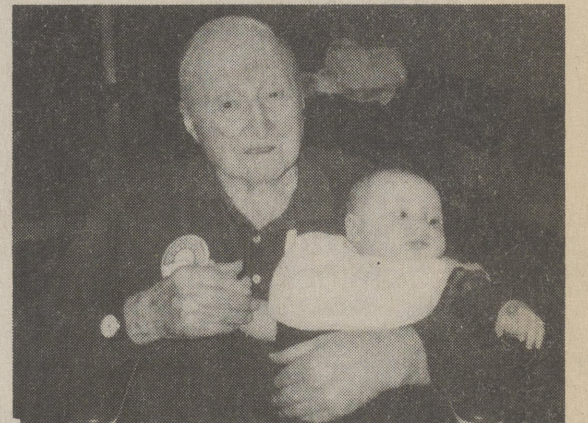
Reese was an outstanding baseball player and organized the adult town baseball teams which played one another in the late 1920's and early 1930's.

"When he quit baseball he took up golf at the Lehman Golf Course, and bowling," his son said. "He also loved to farmer dance."

Reese regularly traveled to Elmira, NY, to attend farmer (square) dances and also caught the Saturday night farmer dances at Trucksville.

"Dad had more than 600 records of farmer dance music and Guy Lombardo," his son said.

Donations in memory of Thomas G. Reese may be made to The Meadows Nursing Center, 55 West Center Hill Road, Dallas PA 18612.



Thomas G. Reese, who died Dec. 22 at age 99, served in World War I, left. In photo above, he held grandson Brian Thomas Reese at his 99th birthday party, held Nov. 22

## Tanker

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Kuharchik Construction of Exeter, according to foreman Ahmed Mahmoud, who estimated the damage at approximately \$7,000.

"It could be more, depending on whether or not the wires are also damaged," Mahmoud said. "Our company has been arguing for several weeks with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to activate the signal. It's fortunate it wasn't turned on, or the damage could have run to more than \$20,000."

It will take at least several weeks to replace the signal, which Mahmoud said must be custom-made.

The tanker was pulled from the creek by a 10-ton Army surplus wrecker owned by R. E. Barber Repairs of Hunlocks Creek.

The Dallas Fire Company, ambulances from Dallas and Lehman, the Department of Environmental Resources and the Medic-I unit assisted police at the scene.

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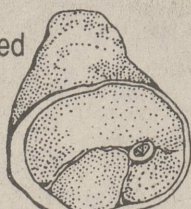
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