

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper:

D.U.I. CHARGES

- Noxen resident Frank D. Dillard, 41, who was arrested May 8 after Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin saw his vehicle weave between lanes on Rt. 309 and Rt. 415. After failing field sobriety tests, Dillard was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .192. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license and careless driving.
- Harveys Lake resident Kristy M. Maskalis, 21, who was arrested May 26 after Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury saw her vehicle weave between lanes on Rt. 415. After failing field sobriety tests, Maskalis refused a blood alcohol test. Refusal of the test results in an one year suspension of the driver's license.
- Harveys Lake resident Debbieanne Taylor, 34, who was

arrested June 24 after Harveys Lake Borough patrolman John Richards saw her vehicle weave between lanes on Rt. 415. After failing field sobriety tests, Taylor was taken to Wilkes-General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .106. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving and careless driving.

- Reading resident Ronald W. Spencer, 23, who was arrested June 16 after Dallas Township patrolman Jeffrey Dennis saw his vehicle weave between lanes on Rt. 415. After failing field sobriety tests, Spencer's blood alcohol level was determined to be .140. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disregarding a traffic lane.

- Pittston resident Anthony Ristagno, 33, who was arrested April 13 after Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309. After failing field sobriety tests, Ristagno was taken to the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .184.

- Larksville resident Ronald Sundy, 25, who was arrested March 26 after Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson observed him driving erratically on Carverton Rd. After failing field sobriety tests, Sundy was taken to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .239, more than twice the legal limit.

Sundy also tested positive for marijuana. A search of his car turned up a small pipe with residue in it.

He is charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, not yielding at a roadway and disregarding traffic lanes.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Noxen resident Jason J. Gray, 25, was arrested June 4 after Harveys Lake patrolman Damian Hoover observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415 and Tulip Rd. in Lake Township. When police attempted to stop Gray, he sped up to speeds of 90 mph. Gray

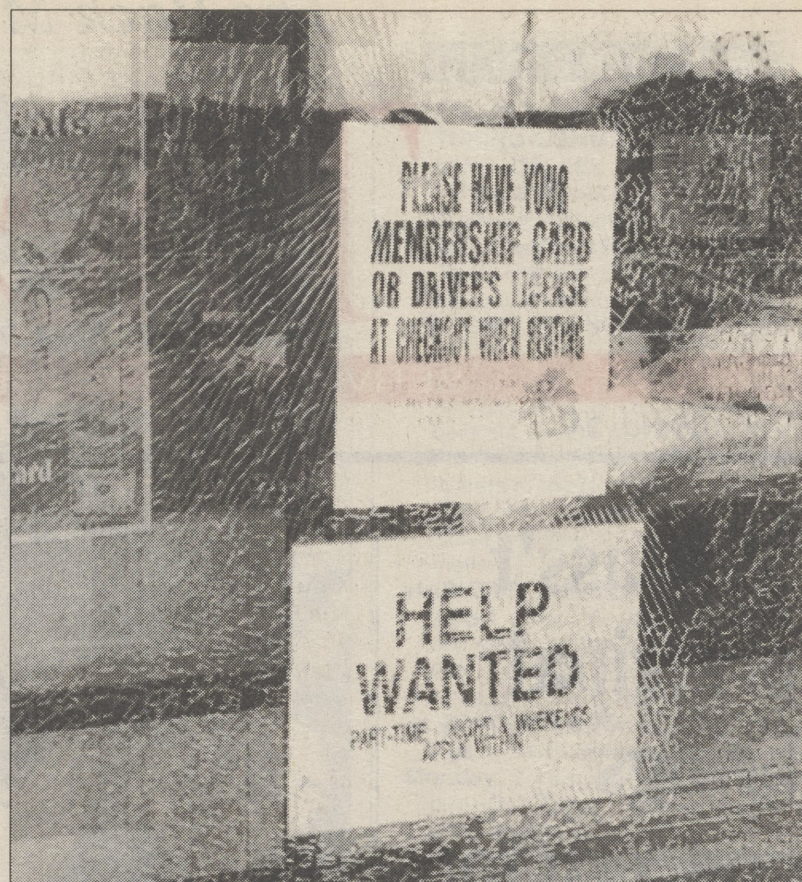
came to a stop at his residence off Spruce Tree Rd. Gray faces a trial on charges that include reckless driving, driving at an unsafe speed and failing to stop at stop signs. A charge of attempting to elude the police was dismissed.

DRIVING UNREGISTERED VEHICLE

Harveys lake resident Jane Muchler, 41, was arrested May 23 after Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin observed her driving erratically on Pioneer Ave. and Rt. 309. Muchler's license plate had a temporary validation sticker on it. A call into the Back Mountain Communications Center found that her plates expired in August 1996. Muchler's driver's license was suspended.

In a written statement to police, she said she did not understand what happened to her validation sticker. Muchler also said she did not know why her driver's license was suspended and that she did not have automobile insurance.

She was charged with driving an unregistered vehicle.



An shattered entrance door at West Coast Video in the Country Club Shopping Center was one of several incidents of vandalism that occurred overnight Aug. 14-15.

Vandals shoot out car, home and store windows

Vandals struck several locations sometime overnight Thursday, Aug. 14 into the early morning hours of Friday, Aug. 15. Dallas Township patrolman Wayman Miers said the window was shot out of a car parked at the Meadows Nursing Center and another in Kingston Twp., the front door of the West Coast Video store was shattered, and a window and screen were damaged at a Dallas Borough home.

The first call about an incident came in at 10 p.m.

Miers said a b-b gun or pellet gun is believed to be the weapon used in all three cases.

Similar incidents occurred about three months ago, Miers said, and the damage was even more widespread, reaching Jackson Twp. and Lehman Twp.

In some cases, the damage has occurred at homes which were occupied.

Anyone with information about these incidents is urged to call the police information line at 675-4650.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse Aug. 1 - 7:

- Robert Cook to Debra Lynn Frith, Lot 10 Jackson St., Dallas Borough, \$73,400.
- John E. Halbing, III, et ux, to Eberhart L. Nilsson, Sherwood Rd., Lot 1, Dallas Twp., \$259,000.
- Thomas F. Geary et ux to Marvin Carkhuff, et ux, Lots 33, 34, Harveys Lake Bor., \$300,000.
- Norman R. Hope, et ux, to Thomas F. Eustice, et ux, Harveys Lake Bor., \$198,000.
- Samuel Soltis, et ux, to Nathan Izen, Oak Dr., Jackson Twp., \$125,000.
- Dorothy J. Evans, to Linda A. Jolley, Harris Hill Rd., Kingston Twp., \$70,000.
- Michael G. McCormack, et ux, to Michael T. Cardell, et ux, Goeringer Ave., Kingston Twp., \$104,000.
- William C. Betts, et ux, to Paul J. Sedeski, Lot 18 Spring St., Kingston Twp., \$81,500.
- Lewith & Freeman Real Estate Inc., to Raymond B. Ostroski, et ux, 2.59 ac Lot 11, Hillbrook, Kingston Twp., \$311,105.
- Dorothy Jeanne Turley, to Bernard F. Grabowski, et ux, Lot 12, Lake Silkworth, Lehman Twp., \$40,000.
- Robert W. Bohlander, to Thomas A. Klaas, et ux, 1.59 ac./19.34 ac./3.89 ac. Ross Twp., \$70,000.
- Marjorie Mottern, et al, to Steven B. Kaminstein, 7.837 ac. The Spud, Ross Twp., \$185,000.



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Breaking new ground

Luzerne National Bank held groundbreaking ceremonies for its new office at the intersection of Rt. 309 and Main St. in Dallas, next to Mark II restaurant. The border of Dallas Borough and Dallas Township crosses the property, so officials from both communities were invited.

First row: Tom Reese, Dallas Tax Collector; Eleanor Nicholson, Vice President, Luzerne National Bank; Marie Carkhuff, Paula Leandri, Berty Cherry, P.W. Campbell Co.; Robert Hughes, Chairman of the Board, Luzerne National Bank; William V. Leandri, President and CEO, Luzerne National Bank; George Maculloch, Manager, Dallas branch, Luzerne National Bank; Alex Kormas, Vice President, Luzerne National Bank; Kevin Sult, Mgr./Owner, Mark II Family Restaurant; John Moore, P.W. Campbell Co. Second row: Milton Lutsey, Dallas Borough Manager; Paul LaBar, Dallas Borough Mayor; Glen Howell, Dallas Township Supervisor; Phil Walter, Dallas Township Supervisor; Frank Wagner, Dallas Township Supervisor; Thomas Guido, Finance Officer, Luzerne National Bank; Buddy Rothstein, realtor. Third row: William Strauser, Louis Goeringer, Luzerne National Bank Board of Directors and James Wilson, Parente, Randolph, Orlando and Carey. Fourth row: Marvin Carkhuff and Robert Fortinsky, both Luzerne National Bank Board of Directors.

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