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MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

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## green light given for police survey

Thirteen or 14 years ago (so the story goes) a Jackson Township woman called the police to report a prowler.

She was informed that she had called the wrong police department and reportedly was not even given the number of the correct police department to call.

The result was that to eliminate such potentially disastrous situations, some forward thinking people decided to investigate the possibility of a combined police force for the municipalities of the Back Mountain area.

As late as last year, about all that had been achieved was talk. Now however, while not anywhere near 100 percent agreement, an air of enthusiasm was generated Monday night over the same subject at a meeting held in the Kingston Township Municipal Building in Trucksville.

Fourteen men representing the governments of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township, met with Dr. Hugo Mailey of Wilkes College's Institute of Municipal Government and agreed to:

Retain the institute to make a survey of all existing police functions and facilities of the three communities, and, follow-

ing the completion of a rough draft of the survey, agreed to meet once again.

Also, independently of the survey, the communities, acting on an idea proffered by Phil Walters of Dallas Township, agreed to investigate immediately the possibility of having all three separate telephone numbers for the various police departments connected so as to ring at one central location.

This move would eliminate calls having to be delayed by an hour, for example, when a particular police department uses an answering service, as in the case with Dallas Borough.

Both moves, however, although assured of full support of those attending the meeting, will more than likely have to be okayed by the majority of board and council members of the three municipalities.

Dr. Mailey informed the gathering that it would take possibly two months to complete the survey and that a rough draft would then be presented to the officials.

He said that since the Institute was a servant of the public, and consultant, and was not out to make a profit, that \$100 would be the cost.

The educator pointed out two advantages to what he termed "intergovernmental cooperation", economy and better service. He said costs could be divided in many ways, but usually on a pro rata population basis.

Mayor Robert Brown, Dallas Borough, said a combined police force for the three municipalities would have an approximate budget of \$69,000 a year. Dallas Township, according to its solicitor Frank Townend, now has a budget of \$31,000.

Attorney Townend claimed that Dallas Township has been and still is in favor of a combined police force, but that the township would like to see such an arrangement for all ten municipalities in the Back Mountain.

"Years ago we worked toward that goal but had to postpone it because only four municipalities were interested," he said. "We might differ only in that we think of the whole Back Mountain. We have not been the least jealous nor were we insisting on local autonomy, or pushing any police chief."

"It seems to us that the municipal building we are now constructing, and which we hope to have completed by



This single engine plane crashed when forced to land Sunday afternoon in a field near Route 118 in Sweet Valley after reportedly running out of fuel. The pilot, from New Jersey,

escaped injury but his passenger received minor lacerations. The landing gear apparently broke upon landing. The field is the property of Hal Bronson, Sweet Valley.

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June or so, could be utilized by a combined force. We have no axe to grind on this. We are for a combined police force but would like to see more communities involved, but if three is the most, we'll settle for that."

Dr. Mailey said thinking in terms of the entire Back Moun-

tain is best, but did not know if it was best to start that way. Some feelings were that if the three communities represented at the meeting got started, then they could go to the others.

Most men agreed that a unified government for the

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## Kingston Twp. water comm. will continue its investigation

Dr. Howard Swain and John Craumer, both of Shavertown, were named last week to serve as an investigatory two some on other water companies in Kingston Township, determining the exact number and ser-

VICES they may provide. The PUC had earlier said there were nine such companies supplying water in this sector, but the number is felt to be 16. Research will be carried out by both men, who will report back to the newly created Kingston Township Water Commission, chaired by Rev. Charles Gommer, Trucksville, who was elected from a temporary post at a public meeting of the group.

A hike in rates to consumers as predicted by Col. John Hetzel

Public Utilities Commission representative took effect Thursday and residents are of the opinion that they will be paying for repairs to the old system, which in many instances is fed from old wells.

Col. Hetzel said the increase would not offset loss of the company next year since operational costs must be taken into consideration. Repairs are now listed as higher than originally

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## false alarm said work of prankster

The clanging of fire trucks, congested roads leading to Carverton, and fire alarms pealing near midnight Sunday, resulted when a woman called Trucksville Fire Company with information that Ralph Sands' barn was on fire.

Trucksville's engine and small pumper arrived promptly but the big pumper broke down shortly out of the fire hall, Shavertown was summoned to assist. Dallas also stood by ready to roll as the word came back that it was a false alarm.

As residents gathered near the site and Kingston Township Ambulance returned to its base another call came on the Sands phone but the caller failed to speak. Police arriving on the scene learned that Sands had

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## Lake prepares for primary

Whether Lake Borough residents have been pleased with progress made by their first officials following creation of their own government, will be determined in the forthcoming primaries to be held in May.

Up for election are three council posts, the office of mayor and tax collector. The terms of Walter Osko, Mrs. Bernice Koehler and Fred Merrill will expire early next year. Mr. Osko will not seek reelection since he is employed by the State.

Mayor Herman Kern will reportedly again run and Calvin McHose has definitely placed his hat in the ring to continue as tax collector. The two latter offices will carry a four year term this time. Council seats are for two years.

Continuing as members of

council for the next two years will be Francis Fisher, Arthur Gosart, David Price and Alger Shafer, the latter a former Lake Township supervisor.

The creation of the Borough was brought about by a group of citizens who were interested primarily in protecting the lake from haphazard growth but the opposition group was elected instead. The creation of Sunset Beach as a recreational area was uppermost in the aims of those now forming the council majority. Whether the forthcoming election will change the balance of power or whether a petition to return to Lake Township is in the offing is difficult to predict at this time.

Division of property between the Borough and Lake and Lehman Townships still remains unsettled.



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A three-car collision at East Center Hill Road on Route 309, Dallas, Sunday afternoon, sent the driver of one car, Joseph Kizis, Exeter, to Nesbitt Hospital in the Dallas Community Ambulance with minor injuries. Five children were passengers in the other cars, but none were reported injured.

## Lake Borough makes landfill payment to Lake Township

Lake Township Supervisors received the landfill payment escrow check on Saturday morning from Lake Borough, only to find that the months of November and December were not included in the amount.

Township officials closed the dumping area for a short time Jan. 1 until the borough met its obligation for service.

A check, in the amount of \$2132.74, was given to township Solicitor William A. Valentine on Thursday by the Borough Attorney, John O'Connor during a meeting on the land division commission appointed by the court. Remaining indebtedness will be submitted by the secretary, Mattie Haczewski.

A plan to draw up another agreement for 1969 was tabled for the present.

Attorney Valentine, in reporting on the session between solicitors and commission, advised that a review of equipment figures be restudied and Supervisor Sheron Whitesell said the original estimates had been arrived at in a manner to make a fair and friendly settlement.

The low value of the police

cruiser was questioned along with several other pieces of equipment which were given to the borough.

Efforts to get together with officials of the newly created community reportedly have failed. Mr. Valentine stated he had reviewed the landfill and Little League Field with those present on Thursday and another meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13.

The commission was of the opinion that the landfill was of no value except that for which it was being used.

Supervisors were informed that the township is eligible to participate in the Police Pension Fund which is bolstered by casualty insurance companies.

Lake Township residents were asked to make sure all their insurance policies bore the above community identification and that their agents be so informed. Many presently are listed as Dallas, Hunlocks Creek, etc.

Arthur Engler, who will not serve this year as earned income tax collector, reminded the board that a computer error from Berkheimer paid the

township \$1,154.77 which should have gone to the borough.

A representative of Wilkinson Collection Agency was present to outline services. Walter Hoover, chairman, moved that they be engaged but no vote was taken. Sheron Whitesell expressed the desire that the township engage the same collector as used by Lake-Lehman School District. Action is to be taken at the next session.

A letter from the Air Pollution Commission, advising that an ordinance be adopted to follow a model set forth by the commission, resulted in the board requesting that a model be forwarded.

The new amendment of the Municipalities Sewage Facilities Act was presented by Attorney Valentine who advised that the local ordinance be retained. The amendment stated if a square mile area was peopled by less than 300 persons, no installation permits were needed.

Hoover, Whitesell and Nesbitt Hummel were present at Ruggles United Methodist Church, selected as the meeting place this year for the board.



Dallas Township recently took delivery on the first new police cruiser owned by the township. In the past, officers provided their own transportation and were in turn reimbursed by the

township. Left to right are Fred Lamoreaux, supervisor, Chief Frank Lange, Jim Davies, Jim Kelly and Charles Finn.

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