

## police commission submits application for state funds

Back Mountain Police Commission made application Tuesday for funds on initial grants from the regional office of Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Planning Board. Philip Walter, Police Commission chairman, is finance director and Chief Herbert Updyke project director for the application, which is for \$30,000.

Action to begin applying for funds was taken at Monday night's meeting of Back Mountain Police Commission.

In order to apply for state funds a police department must have 10 or more officers. It was noted that the Back Mountain police force is the fourth largest in the county.

Chief Updyke reminded Commissioners Walter and W. R. Mathers that the planning board director, Harry Russ Jr., will ask how funds will be spent. "Director Russ will want to know how much time the department is allotting the narcotics officer to go to school; the training for a photography man and a fingerprint man," declared Updyke. "We have to be able to give him the answers to these and many other questions if we are to have a successful application."

Walter and Updyke's appointment Tuesday was with Harry Russ Jr., director, Northeast

Regional Planning Council of the State Criminal Justice Planning Board.

To upgrade the local police department, Chief Updyke said, depends on sending men to school for special training. "We have to have trained personnel, looking forward to the future."

The commissioners indicated that at some time in the near future an additional grant of \$3,000 to \$4,000 will be sought for Juvenile Officer Clifford Culver. However, this grant would not come from the state planning board, but through Child Welfare Agency, Harrisburg.

Chief Updyke stated that in one year "it will be mandatory to see that all officers have 100 hours of training." Hence, the need to seek state funds and upgrade the training of all personnel.

Chairman Walter was asked by *The Dallas Post* if Dr. Hugo Mailey's death had affected the police jointure. Walter replied that all paperwork previously done by Dr. Mailey's office is being completed now by the local police department. This would include applications for grants, etc.

The jointure will apply for credit cards from various oil companies. It was suggested a

check list for cruisers be used by each officer as he goes on duty. The list would include checking cruiser's gas and oil, tires, as well as other conditions.

Treasurer Mathers reported the three Back Mountain banks, Wyoming National, United Penn and First National, paid \$200 service charges for alarm systems set to ring in police headquarters.

Dave Alderson was appointed jointure secretary at a monthly salary of \$60.

A special policy was set in order for Chiefs Frank Lange and Updyke and other officers to attend police chief meetings and crime clinics. Two policemen must be on duty at all times—with one man on patrol; the second at the police desk. Special policemen or other regular policemen may be brought in to fill the few hours' vacancy if the scheduled duty officer should attend a special meeting.

The monthly department resume showed both cruisers traveled 7,978 miles in March. There were 13 accidents during the month, with a total of 58 accidents so far this year. Complaints investigated were 51. Twenty-four arrests were made during the month.



*The Dallas Post* (J. KOZEMCHAK SR.) Trucksville Firemen at the scene of the fire in Carverton Saturday night. The blaze gutted the summer home of the Latona family.

## fire guts home used as summer residence

A dwelling, used by a West Wyoming family as a summer and weekend residence, was gutted by fire Saturday night. The one and one-half story frame structure is on the Orange-Wyoming Road, Carverton, and is owned by Samuel Latona, Stites Avenue, West Wyoming.

Mr. Latona reported the residence had been remodeled recently.

Three Back Mountain fire companies answered the 9:30 p.m. alarm. Some 85 firefighters from Trucksville, Franklin Township and Shavertown Volunteer Fire Companies

helped to fight the blaze, under the direction of Assistant Fire Chief Jack Stephenson of the Trucksville unit. Chief Andrew Roan of the Shavertown company was on hand also.

Equipment used was four high pressure lines and 150 feet of one and a-half-inch line, with five trucks. Approximately 5,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the flames, which were tapped out at 1:15 Sunday morning.

The fire was believed to have started in an upstairs bedroom, after the Latona family left their weekend retreat to return to their West Wyoming home.

## Ch. 44 begins auction appeal

Channel 44's community television auction, scheduled for seven consecutive evenings June 6 to 12, is a volunteer, entertaining TV event which has attracted hundreds of workers from all sectors of the WVIA 15-county viewing area.

Right now the regional chairman and their workers are rounding up all that fabulous merchandise that is auctioned to the highest bidder during the June 6-12 "Auction Week." They are asking merchants and retailers to donate items worth \$25 or more. During the seven-evening "Auction 44" marathon, auction merchandise ranges from appliances to dinners; from gift certificates to vacations. And the first evening, June 6, will be devoted exclusively to fine arts and antiques.

J. Muir Crosby, president of Channel 44's board of directors which comprises public-minded citizens from Northeastern Pennsylvania, this week reminded viewers that "Auction 44" offers a week of television bidding and bargaining which serves a distinct purpose—raising funds to help support WVIA-TV's local and network programming. Mobile telecasting, now done on a limited basis, will also be increased through "Auction 44" funds. Mr. Crosby urged area business and individuals to donate merchandise or services to the "Auction 44" volunteers when they call during the next few weeks. The donor's name or business is mentioned over-the-air during the auction telecast.

## 'water, water everywhere' is H.L. Council's problem

"Water, water everywhere."

That was the problem with which Harveys Lake Council wrestled at its regular monthly meeting last Thursday night in the Daniel C. Roberts Fire Hall.

Spring time flooding has been a perennial problem for property owners in certain sections of the borough, and at the meeting Thursday council members took steps to correct several trouble spots.

Councilman Carl Swanson reported that an old map of Harveys Lake at the Court House reveals that the right of way at Center and Second Streets, where much of the flooding occurs, lies within the jurisdiction of the borough. He had been advised, he said, to instruct council to write a letter to Sen. T. Newell Wood informing him of the problem and enlisting his help in correcting it.

Efforts to win help from the Dept. of Environmental Resources have been turned down. The Department steadfastly maintains that tax money cannot be spent to un-do "mistaken" water control efforts undertaken by local property owners and the subsequent creation of "artificial flood problems."

A spokesman for the Dept. of Environmental Resources did suggest, however, that an engineer from the department would be made available on an informal basis to inventory trouble areas in the borough. The councilmen voted unanimously to avail themselves of the department's offer.

Robert McManus, Cook Street, complained to council that water is being diverted from one side of the road to the other and is flooding his property and property owned by his brothers and two other neighbors.

"It's disgraceful and unlawful to divert water like that," Mr. McManus declared. "If something isn't done about this within a reasonable length of time," he threatened, "I'll feel within my right to sue the borough council members individually."

Council agreed to send its borough engineer to Cook Street to investigate and make recommendations for appropriate action.

Norris McGowan, a resident of Edwardsville who maintains a summer home at Rhodes Terrace, stated that he was unable to drive onto his property as a result of an "incredibly bad job" performed by Stanley Wempa in back filling after water lines were laid in September. Mr. Wempa is owner of the Wempa Water Company.

Councilman Swanson expressed indignation that such a condition should have gone unreported by the borough's roadmaster and agreed with Mr. McGowan that the borough was responsible for seeing that repairs were made.

Council solicitor Donald McFadden reminded council that an agreement signed by Wempa was on file with the secretary guaranteeing the proper repair of Rhodes Terrace; he recommended that council secretary John Stenger write to Wempa advising him that if repairs are not made within two weeks, borough crews would complete the work at the expense of the water company.

When contacted by *The Post* Monday night, Mr. Wempa stated that he intended to begin repairs "immediately after April 15."

Council acknowledged the receipt of bids for a new police cruiser. Apparent low bidder was Motor Twins at \$2,574.80.

Howard Isaacs submitted a bid of \$2,700.00, and Kingston Dodge Inc. was apparent high bidder at \$3,111.14.

The resignation of Primo Berrettini from the borough's zoning commission was accepted by council president Francis Fisher "with regrets." Mr. Berrettini suggested he was resigning due to ill health and urged that the zoning code recently proposed be adopted immediately.

A contract between the borough and UGI for the illumination of street lights on Carpenter Road was tabled until a satisfactory arrangement can be made for payment of the electric bill by residents of Carpenter Road.

Wayne Smith of Noxen Road demanded to know why his name had been placed on the delinquent earned income tax list. Mr. Smith stated that he had receipts to prove he had paid the tax and called the incident "damned embarrassing."

President Fisher called for an investigation of the incident, noting that delinquent tax lists are confidential and should not be public knowledge.

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## SHAVERTOWN

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WSCS of Shavertown United Methodist Church met Monday in the church social rooms.

An Easter program "Seven Days That Changed the World" was presented by Mrs. Raymond Parsons, with members of the various circles participating. Hostess committee included Mrs. William Brown, chairman; Mrs. Jonathan Jones, Mrs. Jack Kloeber, Mrs. Francis Dougherty and Mrs. Michael Olenick.

Spring festival will be held at Tunkhannock Manor, May 7, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and May 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donations of handmade articles, attic treasures, baked goods, etc., will be welcome.

Volunteer receptionists at the Manor for May will be Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gray, Mrs. Stephen Johnson, Mrs. William Peters, and Mrs. Raymond Parsons.

Deborah Circle of Shavertown United Methodist Church will meet April 12 at the home of Marion Elliott. Lorraine Allen is co-hostess. Jean Chadwick is in charge of the program.

Regular meeting of Kings' Daughters will be held April 12 in the social rooms of Shavertown United Methodist Church. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. by members of the losing team in the recent attendance contest. Reservations must be made by calling Viola Andrews or Eleanor Olenick. Betty Rogers is in charge of the program.

Council of Churches annual meeting will be held April 19 at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets will be \$3.25 and may be obtained from Betty Rogers or the Rev. Robert D. Yost, Shavertown United Methodist Church.

A meeting of all chairmen of commissions, lay leaders, and coordinators of Shavertown

United Methodist Church will be held April 14 at 7:45 p.m. in the church library.

Shavertown United Methodist Church welcomed the confirmation class and adult members into church membership Palm Sunday. Members received into the church were Wendy Denise Aicher, Winston Joseph Echols, Jay Charles Hill, Thomas Richard Morgan, Fred Harrison Ostrum Jr., Joseph Sims Jr., Judith Lynn Stroth, Scott Alan Tippett, members of the confirmation class; Mark Alan Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Owens, Mr. Miss Jackie K. Rosenberger, Mrs. George E. Still, Mrs. Robert Shotwell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warmouth, Renae E. Warmouth, Melinda Warmouth, adult members.

Ladies Auxiliary of Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company will sponsor special bus trip to New York City to see a stage show May 15. Reservations are to be made with Mrs. Robert Rosengrant, 14 Yeager Ave., Shavertown, no later than April 21.

The Christian Education Committee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, met recently and decided to use the Tent Troup as a substitute for vacation church school this year. Mr. Brandt agreed to prepare a special program and to recruit for the summer Sunday Church School program. Teachers will meet for an evaluation of the year's work May 18.

Ninth through twelfth grade students of St. Paul's Lutheran Church are urged to sign up for the trip to Washington, D.C., April 29 through May 2. The cost per student is \$20.00 for bus and lodging. Each person must take a sleeping bag, informal clothing and money for meals.

Among the experiences included in the itinerary are visits to folk services at Luther Place Memorial Church, Washington Free Clinic, Interden-coffee

house, "hot line" run by a Lutheran Youth Group, Paulist Brothers College and a choice of historical places of interest.

Students will travel by bus, sleep at Luther Place Memorial Church and eat at nearby cafeterias. The trip will be supervised by the Rev. William C. Bispels and other qualified chaperones.

Youth interested in going should contact the Luther League treasurer, Danny Williams, immediately.

Wayne Long, sophomore at Dallas Senior High School, received a certificate of merit for outstanding achievement in science and engineering from the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.

Mrs. Charles Brobst, East Center Street, Shavertown, has returned home from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where she was a medical patient.

Emaret Franklin, North Main Street, Shavertown, is a patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Service of Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Holy Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. Services of Holy Communion will also be celebrated Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. by the Rev. William C. Bispels.

Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm J. Borthwick, 149 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, left Philadelphia Tuesday for a three weeks' trip to Russia, Finland, and Denmark and Sweden. They will accompany a group of doctors from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and their wives. In each city they visit, they will attend seminars and make hospital visits.

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