

Economic Council Releases Population Growth Study

The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania—a nonprofit organization to further economic, physical and social development in the counties of Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill and Wayne—announced this week the publication of a report on trends and implications for Northeastern Pennsylvania, analyzing data from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing. The report, titled "Where the People Are," identifies the fact that 1970 population was 873,891, which represented a significant reversal of the former downward trend of population within the region.

The report highlights the shifts and changes which occurred within Northeastern Pennsylvania between 1960 and 1970. For example, the 1970 density of persons per square mile for the seven-county region was 197.4, with Monroe County leading the way in density increase from 64.7 in 1960 to 74.3 in 1970.

Some highlights of the report include: The Pocono Mountain counties experienced relatively large population increases over the decade, largely attributable to growth in the recreation and

tourism sector, including second-home development.

While the population of the formerly mining-oriented counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne and Schuylkill declined, the loss was significantly less than previous decades.

The density of population ranged from 21.8 in Pike County to 515.5 in Lackawanna County. Population continued to be clustered in the former mining communities of the Wyoming and Lackawanna Valleys of Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

Movement to the suburbs within the seven-county area was extensive throughout the Region, somewhat behind trends in other parts of the country.

Howard J. Grossman, executive director of the council, noted that "the municipalities which declined in population are the older communities which have been the centers of retail trade and other economic activity for many years. Urban renewal displaced a number of persons from the major centers during the ten-year period. Growth has taken place in the bedroom communities and in formerly undeveloped sectors of the counties. Migration to the

suburbs occurred earlier in other parts of the country; it was significant in Northeastern Pennsylvania in the Sixties and now carries implications for the seventies. Careful attention must be given to providing public facilities and services in these newly developed areas. In addition, the central areas must not be overlooked lest they become victims of 'urban blight.' The geographic shifting of the tax base, as well as that of the need for services, which follows population shifts, requires the attention of all those in a position to affect local public policy and delivery of services."

The report is the first of a series which the council will publish in coming months and years as new information is received from the U.S. Bureau of the Census on population, housing and employment characteristics. Copies of the report are available from the council office by writing to P.O. Box 777, Avoca.



photo by Jim Kozemchak Jr.

A pitch black sky provided an attractive backdrop for the John Mesaros home in Midway Manor, Trucksville, which was outlined in lights.

Nicholas Leigh Opens Exclusive Retail Outlet

As he directed attention to the racks of men's pants, Mark Edmunds, sales manager of Nicholas Leigh Inc., told how the new shop came to be opened in the Back Mountain.

The company creates pants which appeal to certain tastes and economic levels. Basically we are a pants creator," was his comment as he pointed out the great range of materials and colors of pants in the showroom.

We have accounts throughout the United States—in every major city and in most major stores. However, this shop is the only retail store that the company itself operates—and this is used primarily as a showcase for our pants."

Fortunately, Back Mountain males may buy at the new shop at a discount of 30 to 40 percent. Suggested retail prices in other stores start at \$45 to \$85.

The local shop is located on Memorial Highway, adjacent to Forty Fort Dairy Bar. The white two-story building, a former residence, has a red carpet on the porch, leading a potential customer into an attractive showroom. Here, not only pants, but also ties and

handmade needlepoint belts, may be purchased. The company's ties and belts are sold in this shop only.

There are pants of French and Belgian velours, Italian wools, tapestries, double knits, and many other materials.

The majority of our fabrication is imported," added the young sales manager. "The president's sister, Leigh Day, selects materials for our pants and ties. She has an uncanny ability to pick trends."

Wherever Nicholas Leigh pants are sold (and the nearest outlet, other than the Back Mountain shop, is in Philadelphia) the firm's originators realize they are creating for a mini-market, and their philosophy is to remain "small."

But our success has encouraged us enough to make us believe that we are hitting a market that has not been tapped before," stated Mr. Edmunds, who admitted that their

customers are a special type. "We cut pants in the tens, not in the thousands. And so customers take little chance of running into someone wearing the same pants as they do."

The Back Mountain shop opened in mid-November, although the company itself has been operating about 13 months. Already their products have been used in advertising layouts in such magazines as "Playboy" and other slick publications. A New York City showroom is used for the convenience of buyers for stores around the country.

"We design two collections a year—in the fall and spring," the sales manager reported, "but on occasion, if we find something unique or unusual, we have it made up then and there."

The pants are designed by Nicholas Leigh Inc., but are manufactured by a firm in Old Forge.

Christmas Displays Win Subscriptions

Area residents who took time out from their busy holiday schedules to view the festive Christmas decorations throughout the Back Mountain Community were amply rewarded for their efforts this year. The community was literally ablaze with attractive lighting displays, and many appreciative sightseers suggested that Back Mountain homes were among

the most tastefully decorated in the entire Wyoming Valley. James Kozemchak, a Post photographer, spent many evenings traveling throughout boroughs and townships in the Back Mountain area photographing homes which he believed boasted exceptionally attractive displays. To each of these homeowners we will send a one-year subscription to the Post—our way of saying thank you for adding Christmas sparkle to our community.

Prison

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mody said, he directed Bates to put the doughnuts back. The inmate reportedly threw the doughnuts down and threw the platter at the guard, hitting him on the head.

Carmody testified that he required no medical treatment but that he did have a headache for two days. He reported feeling dazed after being struck by the platter.

Bates was represented by Public Defender Bruce S. Miller.

In the second case heard by Magistrate Harvey, Fred Pullium waived his right to a preliminary hearing. Pullium is charged with assaulting a fellow inmate, Timothy Noel, in the prison's day room Dec. 8.

Dallas Twp. Gets 1971 Zoning Report

Fred E. Dodson, zoning officer for Dallas Township, has made his 1971 report to the Zoning and Hearing Board and to the Board of Supervisors.

Total valuation of new property for the year was \$2,990,540. There were 37 permits issued by Mr. Dodson for new residences, which totaled \$877,000. The largest single permit was for a dormitory at College Misericordia, with the cost set at \$1,820,354, at \$1,820,354.

Building permits for the year were 76; in addition to residences, there were eight additions, two remodeling, six trailers, one sign, one store, eight garages, three swimming pools, and the dormitory.

Dallas Nonagenarian To Observe Birthday

Olie L. Harvey of 142 Franklin St., Dallas, will observe his 90th birthday anniversary Jan. 4. Mr. Harvey was born in Dallas Borough and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Harvey of Dallas and Harveyville. His wife, the former Ella Bulford, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Bulford of Huntsville, Dallas Township.

Christmas Program Held at Alderson

Alderson Sunday School held their annual Christmas program Dec. 19 at the church. The program began with the smaller children reciting Christmas poems. The kindergarten class sang "Away In A Manger."

A film entitled "Oh Holy Night," was then shown by Robert James. The children sang "Jingle Bells," and Santa entered bringing gifts and candy to all the children.

Sunday School teachers who helped with the program were: Mrs. Robert James, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Robert Bush, Esther Armitage and Michelle Tattersall.

In fairly good health, Mr. Harvey remains interested in world affairs and has a deep love for the Dallas area. He is a retired carpenter-contractor, having constructed many homes in the Back Mountain area, including the one in which he and Mrs. Harvey reside. He was chosen as the king of the Dallas Sesqui-Centennial.

He is a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church. Until this year, Mr. Harvey tended his own garden which is two miles from his home.

Mr. Harvey has one daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Coase, and a grandson, the Rev. Allan J. Coase, pastor of the Forest City United Methodist Church. He also has a brother, Frank Harvey of Dallas.

Open house will be held New Year's Day from 2 to 8 p.m. No invitations have been issued.

Walters Charged with Property Conversion

Following a search of the home of Lois Walters, Rd 1, Briarcrest Road, Dallas, by Lehman Township Police Chief Lionel Bulford and T. Joseph Boyle, owner of the house, Mrs. Walters was charged with fraudulent conversion of property.

The charge, filed with District Magistrate Leonard D. Harvey by Chief Bulford, relates that 17 display units of steak knife sets valued at \$50 and belonging to Boyle were found in Mrs. Walters' home.

According to Boyle, the steak knife sets had been shipped to him but had been delivered to the Walters' by mistake. Mrs. Walters, a tenant in the Boyle home, denied that they were in her possession, but a search of the house revealed that they were in fact there.

Bail in the amount of \$5,000 was posted by Joseph Park on behalf of Mrs. Walters. A hearing was scheduled by Magistrate Harvey for Thursday night.

May the New Year bring abiding Peace and harmony. It is with sincere thanks we extend our best wishes to everyone.

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