

Alex Matukitis Appointed Franklin Board Chairman

Alex Matukitis was re-appointed chairman of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors at the annual reorganization

Drug Raids

(continued from PAGE ONE) Township patrolman of the same name, were also involved in a "bust", but found no arresting evidence at the scene.

Also taken in the drug-prostitution raid, which was engineered by Lt. Donald D. Dorris, commanding officer of the Wyoming State Police barack's criminal division, were:

Ronald Mitchell, 19, of 33 Calvert St., Yatesville. He was charged with one count of delivery of methamphetamine, and released on \$5,000 bail.

Thomas Ventura, 24, of the Imperial Motor Inn, Wilkes-Barre, charged with solicitation to patronize prostitution. He was released on \$2,000 bail.

Maureen O'Hara, 18, Imperial Motor Inn, Wilkes-Barre. She was charged with solicitation to commit prostitution. Her bail was also set at \$2,000.

John B. Corcoran, 23, of 113 Luzerne Ave., West Pittston, charged with one count of delivery of phencycline. He was released on \$5,000 bail.

Marty Iorio, 18, of rear 47 Hughes St., Luzerne. He was charged with one count of delivery of marijuana. He was released on \$5,000 bail.

Daniel Kasteleba, 20, of 69 Hillside St., Plains, charged with one count of delivery of hashish and one count of delivery of marijuana. He was released on \$10,000.

Ronald Chapman, 27, of RD 2, Glendale, was charged with one count of delivery of marijuana. He was committed to the Luzerne County Prison upon failing to post a \$5,000 bail bond.

Steve Fisher, 20, 6 N. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, was taken on one charge of delivery of hashish. He too was remanded to the county prison for lack of \$5,000 bail money.

Thomas Evans, 27, of 50 Yale St., Wilkes-Barre. He was charged with one count of delivery of marijuana, and was released on \$5,000 bail.

Donald Dunsmuir, 21, of North Grant Street, Wilkes-Barre, was charged with one count of delivery of marijuana. His bail was set at \$5,000, it was posted and he was released.

Raymond Chiccheletti, 23, of 200 Village Drive, Taylor, was charged with one count of delivery of methamphetamine and one of delivery of marijuana. He was released on \$10,000 bail.

A female juvenile from Kingston was charged with delivery of marijuana and remanded to the Luzerne County Juvenile Center.

Other local police departments involved in the raid were Kingston, Swoyersville, Luzerne, Wilkes-Barre, Plains, Pittston and West Pittston.

Lt. Dorris commended all local police and troopers involved in the early evening raids. The drug offenders charged with delivery allegedly sold narcotics to undercover State Police officers during the past months.

Following State Police questioning, fingerprinting, photographing, and being "booked", those arrested were arraigned before district magistrate Joseph Verespy at the Plains Municipal Building. Hearings have been scheduled for Jan. 16 through 23, before Mr. Verespy.

Lt. Dorris, who noted that most arrests were made at the person's home, claimed that those taken included some of the area's major drug dealers. He added that more arrests can be expected to follow.

In the majority of cases, bail was set by a professional bail bondsman.

meeting last week. Russell Race was named vice chairman, Harold Hoover, secretary-treasurer of the board, and James Reinert was appointed solicitor.

The supervisors approved Richard Bartholomew as chief of police and special officers, Dan Sekera, Nelson Dymond and Richard Jatkowski.

Mr. Dymond was also named sewer inspector and Robert Morgan, zoning officer. Roadmaster for the coming year will be Mr. Race.

Richard Love was appointed to the planning Commission.

Regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month in the Orange United Methodist Church at 8 p.m.

Taxes were set at six mills, one-half percent real estate transfer and earned income, and \$5 per capita.

Former Dallas Resident Receives Special Awards

Donald J. Evans, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Evans, 236 Church St., Dallas, an agent with Prudential Insurance Company's Washington, D.C., agency, 4641 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda, sold over a million dollars of insurance in 1973.



Donald J. Evans

Mr. Evans, who joined Prudential in 1958, has received several company awards for sales achievement. This is his 10th year as a million dollar producer. A U.S. Army veteran, he attended the University of Pennsylvania and has completed insurance courses given by the Life Underwriter Training Council.

Mr. Evans is a member of the Suburban Maryland Life Underwriters Association. He and his wife, Joan, live in Falls Church, Va., with their two daughters.

Lake Boro. Council Advised Of Delay in Flood Project

The newly reorganized Harveys Lake Borough council was advised, at their first regular meeting of the year, to expect a delay in funds for the Warden Place flooding project because there have been so many similar requests from Eastern communities.

This information came in the form of a Department of Environmental Resources letter to council.

The Warden Place flood project, when it is funded, will be a \$122,000 DER-financed operation. A reinforced 10-foot-by-600-foot, concrete channel will carry water from an unnamed tributary, through a culvert under the lake road, into Harveys Lake. The project is intended to prevent flooding, which annually has caused about \$7000 damage. DER engineers blamed low stream banks for previous flooding.

In accepting sponsorship of the project, council agreed that the borough would oversee the removal of an upstream cottage and redesign the sewer system plans to meet with the flood project's needs. They also agreed to pay \$1,000 annually in maintenance costs, to provide land deeds and rights-of-way, and to arrange for culvert work assistance from PennDOT.

Acting chairman Robert Wintersteen was asked from the floor how the sewer project stands since a special meeting Dec. 30. Mr. Wintersteen said that things seem to be proceeding smoothly.

A person who asked the question had been referring to a meeting of the outgoing borough council, at which Albert Gullitus was chosen to replace Harveys Lake Municipal Authority chairman William Gunster, on the authority. Mr. Gunster's term expired Dec. 31.

The mayor stated that the fact that it was his home made no difference in the decision. The steep hill on which the mayor's home is located was given as the reason for omission.

At a more recent meeting Jan. 10, Mayor Connolly announced that ice fishermen are required to acquire Department of Forest and Water permits, through the borough, for the erection of any fishing huts on the lake. Permits can be obtained at Javer's Store, Alderson.

The mayor also noted that normal parking ordinances will be enforced following and during large snow falls. He emphasized that all cars should be kept out of the path of borough and state snow plows.

The mayor also read the names of three full-time borough police officers and five special police. Any names not read would be considered ineligible for special police work, he noted. He indicated that he was attempting to simplify the borough's special police situation.

It was announced that the county board of assessors had determined a \$4,888,070 total assessment for Lake Borough. The report noted that there were 2,408 buildings in the borough.

The meeting was adjourned until Jan. 18 when council will again open bids for borough garbage collection.

The new borough solicitor, John J. Thomas, was introduced.

Credit Union Sets Meeting

Natona Employees Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Swoyersville American Legion Home. A buffet supper will be served after the meeting.

All members are invited to attend. Reservations can be made with Betty Reese, 696-2065, or Joseph Kravitz, 477-5934.

Music for dancing will be provided by the Merry-makers from 9 p.m. until midnight. The officers are in charge of preparation for the affair.

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