

# Carverton Heights Residents Continue Appeals on Streets

Approximately 30 residents from the Carverton Heights area attended the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors meeting Wednesday night to hear the presentation of a resolution to accept Pine and Oak Drives leading into the Heights Drive, Carverton Heights.

Residents from that area have been attending the supervisors' meetings for the last few months, asking the township to take over their streets. There is still a portion of this area which the township has not accepted, but the residents assured the board that all proper requirements would be made in the near future.

The group also complained about equipment left in the area by developer Henry Novak. Ed Richards, chairman of the board, instructed Michael Stanley, secretary, to write a registered letter to Mr. Novak informing him that no more building permits would be issued until he meets with the supervisors to discuss the many problems in the Heights area.

Atty. Ben Jones III, township solicitor, informed the board that Michael Kester's appeal to establish a trailer park site on his property on Harris Hill Road had been heard before Judge Richard Bigelow Wednesday. A representative from the Department of Community Affairs and Mr. Kester were the only

witnesses, the solicitor reported.

He felt that a decision would be reached within the next month. Atty. Jones also suggested that the board consider a compromise with Mr. Kester and allow him to establish a trailer site if he comply with strict township regulations. It is possible that he would not meet township standards. Mr. Richards asked John Dana, planning and zoning officer, to make a recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board that a compromise be made before the court's decision becomes mandatory. This recommendation would also have to have the approval of the supervisors.

Solicitor Jones related that he saw no indication as to which way the judge would decide the case.

The board has scheduled April 21 as the day on which the annual spring road inspection will be made.

Phillip VanBlarcom was re-appointed by the board to a five-year term on the Dallas Area Municipal Authority.

A request from the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company to place a fire hydrant in the firehouse area was tabled until after the public meeting March 19 with the Public Utilities Commission at the Dallas Junior High School.

Don Wilkinson Agency was

appointed delinquent tax collection agency for the township.

An ordinance controlling the placement of drains, drive-ways, or public walks along township roads was presented for publication. The ordinance will be advertised and approved at the April meeting. Anyone constructing any such entry or walk would be required to have a permit from the township and abide by their regulations.

A letter was received from Chief of Police Paul Sabol requesting that the office of dog catcher be established and Merl Bigelow be appointed dog catcher at a salary of \$2.50 per hour. This position would be classified as a "special policeman" in Kingston Township. The board approved the request.

Willard Piatt, supervisor, was appointed chairman of the clean-up campaign for 1974.

A request from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company to use the meeting room March 23 for an all-day bake sale was approved.

The board received a copy of a letter sent by Rep. Frank O'Connell to the PUC about the deplorable water conditions in Kingston Township.

The annual audit and financial report indicated that Kingston Township was valued at net worth \$218,352.



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Wyoming Seminary Day School students take an active part in the preparation, staging and presentation of weekly assembly programs, which give the students experience and practice before an audience. It also gives each student a chance to practice skills

learned in the classroom. Shown are participants in a recent program held on the Forty Fort campus. Left to right: A'lisa Woicicki, Trucksville, Bible Reader; Mark Kulbaski, Ashley, pianist; Joseph Kluger, Forty Fort, pianist; and Nelson Woehrl, Shavertown, program announcer.

# Bird Menace Worries Back Mountain Woman

Just after the news broke recently of the millions of birds which had descended upon a small town in Maryland, the Post received a telephone call from a Shavertown woman who told of a similar situation near her home in recent years. Mrs. Robert Deibel, James Street, Shavertown, said that for the past five years "millions" of birds have been showing up in the 11 acres of woods at the rear of her home. Each year, she said, they come earlier and stay longer.

Mrs. Deibel, who saw a television report of the birds in a Maryland town, became concerned when she learned of the extent of the health hazard that such large flocks of birds can create. The report, she told the Post, noted that bird feathers and droppings, which had accumulated as much as two inches in the Maryland community, can cause lung disease and blindness.

Although she did not know if droppings during the Shavertown invasions piled up to such an extent, she reported that on humid days the smell is "terrible."

The "sky is black for miles when they come in" and they "sound like a waterfall," she said. Each night they arrive just before dusk and stay the whole evening, leaving about 7 a.m., "when they all get up at

once and go," she added.

She said that when the birds first stopped near her home several years ago, they arrived near the end of the summer and stayed for only a few days. Staying longer each time, she explained, last summer the birds "came at the end of June and stayed until the cold weather...about wintertime."

"They will destroy the trees," she predicts. "I don't know if they should be killed or what."

If they are killed, she fears that too would result in a health hazard. She has contacted the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Department of Environmental Resources in the past, but both claim the problem is not in their jurisdiction, she told the Post.

The DER told her, she said, that poisons strong enough to kill them would also harm humans.

Mrs. Deibel also reported that she has talked to Kingston Township patrolman William Pugh about the situation. He has recommended that neighbors fire carbide cannons or guns this year in an effort to frighten off the birds.

Law enforcement assistant Robert Meyers of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Dallas office, told the Post that bird problems have no simple solutions, adding that it is a matter to be handled by the local municipality.

# Architectural Firm Scheduled To Conduct Inspection Tours

A tour of all buildings and sites in the Dallas School District will be conducted by representatives of the firm of Allen Rodda and Associates, Architects, for the purpose of obtaining a chronological program and organizational structure of repairs and needs, Paul Rodda, representing the firm, reported at the Dallas board meeting last week.

Mr. Rodda told the board that priorities will be safety, dangers, code violations, physical deterioration, replacements, energy conservation, improvement of environment, and new programs.

The kindergarten building will be surveyed for the possible use as a district administration building. Mr. Rodda also indicated that recommendations as to costs and maintenance will be made, and a sensible direction for budgeting chronologically will be suggested.

A report will be submitted in two months, he said, so that details on all the problems can be gathered. Chairman William Cutten requested the report be submitted before the drawing up of the new budget in April. Mr. Rodda replied that he would try to have a broad report ready by April, but some details might have to be left out.

The cafeteria report indicated that there was a loss of \$1,173.33 for February. There were 40,167 and 765 adult lunches served last month.

Jeanette Abraham, Wilkes-Barre; William Dickinson, Du-

point; Ann Z. Gray, Dallas; Mary Pitcavage, Shavertown, and James McGinley, Kingston, were approved as substitute teachers.

Linda Reynolds, Harveys Lake, was approved as a substitute for the secretarial, clerical and library aide list.

David Jones was appointed golf coach at a salary of \$160 and Kenneth Payer, assistant baseball coach, at a salary of \$330.

A list of 12 college seniors was submitted to fulfill their practice teaching requirements during the spring semester. Ernest Ashbridge, director, questioned the number of practice teachers during a year and asked if it was fair to the students to be used as a training ground for so many. Dr. Linford Werkheiser, district superintendent, commended Mr. Ashbridge on his sincere interest in the students' welfare. Dr. Werkheiser said that he will meet with the principals and cooperating teachers to discuss a cut-off number of practice teachers per year.

Leon D. Emanuel, Alan D. Shaver, and Richard Wateski were approved as bus drivers.

Permission was granted the Shavertown Fire Company to hold a dance in the senior high school auditorium April 6, and the Dallas Junior Woman's Club received permission to use the senior high parking lot for a Bike-a-Thon April 21. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Square Dancers Association was granted use of the senior

high school facilities for a square dance festival March 30.

A resolution to adjust the 1974 school calendar to make up two pupil days missed when school was closed due to snow was passed. May 10, an in-service day, will be changed to a pupil day, and June 13 will be added to the calendar as a pupil day.

A contract was awarded to the Johnson Company, Wilkes-Barre, to furnish air filters and media pads for classroom ventilators and other heating units in the senior and junior high school buildings. Cost will be \$1,860.90.

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