

Economy causes setback to homebuilding

by Michael Polk
High interest rates, tight mortgage money and the general depressed condition of the economy - all contributed in the severe setback of homebuilding in the township last year as compared to 1973, which was a banner year for Franklin Township.

Figures released at the courthouse last week by C.M. Laidler, Luzerne County zoning officer, showed new building dropped to \$153,300 in the township last year after hitting a peak of \$805,565 in 1973. Those figures compared with new building of \$145,700 in 1970; \$147,000 in 1971, and \$153,700 in 1972, add up to a total of \$1,405,265 for the five year period 1970-74.

Building permits were authorized in 1974 by the county zoning officer for Franklin Township for nine new homes at an estimated cost of \$129,000, and for five new mobile home installations at an estimated cost of \$24,300. In 1973, building permits were issued by the county zoning officer for 18 new homes in Franklin Township at an estimated cost of \$628,500; 10 new mobile home installations at a cost of \$170,565; one barn at an estimated cost of \$3,000, and miscellaneous new building totaling \$3,500 for a total of \$805,565.

Figures for 1970 showed six new homes built at an estimated cost of \$105,000; seven new mobile home installations costing \$40,200, and one barn at an estimated cost of \$500, for a total of \$145,700. In 1971, permits were issued for the building of six new homes at an estimated cost of \$92,000; seven mobile home in-

stallations at an estimated cost of \$44,600, and the construction of two additions at a cost of \$10,500, a total for the year of \$147,000. In 1970, permits were issued for seven new homes at an estimated cost of \$118,500, and six mobile home installations at a cost of \$35,200, for a 1972 total of \$153,700.

Highlight of the 1974 total in new building here was the construction of a 204 crypt mausoleum at Memorial Shrine Cemetery at an estimated cost of \$75,000. The mausoleum is nearing completion.

Permits for the following



FIVE GENERATIONS - Five generations of the Culp family of Huntsville are shown above, following the birth of the first great-great grandson, Ian Northrup. Seated is Mary Kern Northrup and son, Ian. Standing, left to right, Stanely, Culp, great-great grandfather; Mildren Culp Kern, grandmother; and Robert Culp, great-grandfather.

Five generations in Culp family

Ian Northrup, son of 1st Lt. and Mrs. John Northrup,

Fort Bragg, N.C., became the first male in the fifth generation of the Culp family of Huntsville.

Ian, who was born Oct. 10, 1974, is the great-great grandson of Stanley Culp, life-long resident of Huntsville, who will celebrate his 91st birthday, June 21, 1975. Culp's wife, the former Rose Jenkins, died in 1956. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Culp, were founders of the Huntsville Christian Church.

The former carpenter and employee of the Highway Department is a young 91 and does his own cooking and baking. Last year he also had his own vegetable garden and plans to do so again this summer.

His son, Robert Culp and his wife, Irma, reside on Huntsville Road, around the corner from Stanley. Robert Culp is the zoning officer for Jackson Township and a well-known insurance appraiser.

His granddaughter, Mildred Culp Kern and her husband, Jim, own and operate Jim's Restaurant in the Dallas Shopping Center. It is their daughter, Mary, who is Ian's mother. Culp has another great-

grandchild, Tracy Turquist, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Turnquist, Lake Worth, Fla.

Senior Citizen Center

The Luzerne Co. Senior Citizen Center of Dallas will have tax experts for both the Federal and State taxes including property rebate at the Center from 9-3:30 on Thursday, March 13. Anyone desiring this service should bring any necessary information to complete the forms with them. There is no charge.

Friday evening, March 14, is the Saint Patricks Day party starting at 6:30 at the Castle Inn. Music for dancing and listening will continue until 11:00. Special entertainment is planned for the intermission. There will be door prizes. Cost \$6.00.

At 1:00 on Monday, March 17, Mrs. Glenda Bedford from Tunkhannock will be giving a Blair party at the Center located at Mercy Center on the campus of College Misericordia. She will also display her samples of Artistry on Fabric for any who might have missed her demonstration. In the near future she will return to give

another lesson on this art form.

Reservations are still available for the Radio City Easter show on March 20. Members may bring their guests, family or not-any age, on this trip. The cost is \$14.00-meals not included. Robert Louis from the CETA program will be in the center on each Tuesday afternoon to assist people, answer questions, and hand out literature on the food stamp program. He will assist people in making applications for appointments to obtain food stamps.

For additional information concerning the programs of the center or the services it renders, call 675-2179, 9-4 Monday to Friday.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Three accidents were reported in Dallas Township from March 2 through March 9.

The first occurred March 2, when Emery E. Brown, RD 1, Rt. 309, Dallas, driving a 1967 Plymouth Coupe, was traveling south on Route 415. Approximately 1000 feet south of the Natona Mills entrance, he lost control of the car and struck a guard rail. From this point, the vehicle crossed the roadway onto the northbound berm.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

Joseph Haley, 4 Park Ave., RD 5, Shavertown, was driving a 1972 Plymouth Station Wagon, March 9. He was in a parking lot 100 feet east of Route 309. Kathleen Lopallo, 168 Meadowcrest, Trucksville, in a 1971 Comet, was going north leaving the lot to enter Carverton Road. Mr. Haley was backing up and struck the Lopallo car damaging the right rear quarter panel.

On March 10, Nancy Ann Voitek, RD 3, Wyoming, was driving a 1973 Mercury Sedan. Her car went off the edge of the road Hill Road west of Fire Cut Road. The soft dirt pulled her car over the bank. It rolled over several times and came to rest against a pump house on the property of Stella Novicki. It also knocked over the mail post and box.

Public occurrences

March 13
Wilkes Barre Area Vo-Tech School will sponsor an "Italian Night" from 5-7:30.

March 14
The regular meeting of the Rural Branch of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be held at 10 a.m. in the Centermoreland Methodist.

American Legion Post 672 will meet at the Post Home, Dallas.

March 15
A Bingo will be held at 7:30 at the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Hall, sponsored by the Lehman Traavel Club.

March 17
Cub Scout Pack 132 will meet from 12:30 to 3 p.m. for Dutch Treat bowling at the Crown Imperial Bowling Lanes in Dallas.

March 18
The Dallas Township Planning Zoning Board will meet in the Township Building, Route 309 at 7:30.

A public meeting of Franklin Township on the new zoning ordinance will be held at the Orange Methodist Church.

March 18
The Kunkle Silver Leaf Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Naomi Ashburner at 2 p.m.

The Couples Club of Prince of Peace Church will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kosembchak on Overbrook Ave., Dallas.

AROUND TOWN
Marsha Margellina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Margellina, RD 1, Dallas, has returned home from Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, where she had been a medical patient.



PLAN DINNER - (left to right) Ginger Spencer, Marion Culver and Florence Shively prepare for Legion Auxiliary Post 672 ham and cabbage dinner.

Police report

Post 672

coming to a stop. One guard rail was knocked over. Patrolman Douglas Lamoreaux was the investigating officer. He estimated damages at \$1000. John Galka, RD, Noxen, driving his 1973 Ford Sanitation truck was traveling south on Route 309. He attempted to downshift for a red light near Saginaw Street, hit the brakes, heard a hissing sound and discovered his vehicle had no brakes. The truck proceeded off the road, running into shrubbery and came to a stop on the property of Matthew

Collura, 75, Saginaw St. In attempting to get out of the truck, Mr. Galka struck his head on the truck windshield. Patrolman John Appel was the investigating officer. David Baloga, 177 Limewood Road, Rt. 7, Shavertown, driving a 1966 Chevrolet, was traveling north on Lake Street and while attempting to light a cigarette, he lost control of the car and struck a bridge after crossing over into the southbound lane. Patrolman Elliot Ide, investigating officer, estimated damages at \$1000.

Auxiliary to hold dinner

American Legion Auxiliary of Dallas Legion will hold a ham and cabbage supper at the Post Home, Memorial Highway, March 15, with serving from 5 to 9 p.m.

Marian Harvey is chairman with members of the auxiliary assisting. Tickets may be purchased from auxiliary members and from the Post Home.

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