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Town meeting to discuss local problems

Back Mountain area residents are going to have an opportunity to openly discuss a number of important local issues Thursday night at a "town meeting" open to the public and held at the meeting room of the First Eastern Bank across from the Dallas Shopping Center.

Dr. F. Budd Schooley, president of the Back Mountain Protective Association, sponsoring group for the town meeting, said the discussion would begin at 7:30 p.m. Announced subject for the meeting is "community affairs", a generalized theme

which will include a number of concerns of area residents.

If attendance exceeds the capacity of the bank meeting room, Schooley said arrangements have been made with Dallas High School to transfer the meeting to school facilities.

A spokesperson for meeting planners said the discussion could include such items as the ever-increasing cost of school operations, the problems of water supply service to Dallas and adjoining communities, and sanitation and the cost of operation of municipal waste treat-

ment and collection facilities.

The Back Mountain Protective Association was founded in 1945, chartered and incorporated as a non-profit, non-partisan organization to protect and defend rights of local taxpayers. The association serves the 11-Back Mountain municipalities, including Noxen and Northumberland townships in Wyoming County.

Schooley said the group works to

develop solutions to local problems in a spirit of constructive cooperation

and good will. In addition to Schooley, the advisory committee to the association includes Atty. James L. Brown, the group's solicitor; Congressman Daniel J. Flood; The Rev. Thomas M. Jordan; the Rev. Robert Dewitt Yost; Averell Chadwick; and Justice Benjamin R. Jones.

H.L. Lions bar-b-que begins noon, Aug. 3

All preparations for the annual chicken barbeque sponsored by the Harveys Lake Lions Club have been completed for Aug. 3 at Don Hanson's Amusement Park at the lake.

Serving will begin at noon and be over at 6 p.m. The menu will feature one half bar-b-que chicken a roasted potato a cob of sweet corn, pepper hash, bread and butter and milk or coffee. Clams, clam chowder and extra corn can be purchased at the stand all day.

Michael Casey is the chairman of the bar-b-que and is assisted by all lions.

All profits from this affair will go to the projects of the Lions club in the Harveys Lake area. Some of the projects are: the care, examination

and conservtion of the sight of the people in the community, the NorthEast Pennsylvania Eye Bank, Seeing Eye Dog School, Beacon Lodge, a summer camp for the blind, the Eye Institute in the New State General Hospital at Hazleton, a boy scout troop and little league team, aid to the Fire Companies and ambulance in our area and financial aid to any community-minded clubs at Harveys Lake.

So when you support the Harveys Lake Lions Club your getting a good meal and begin a part of all these projects that the Lions participate in your community. So get your tickets from any Harveys Lake Lion or at the Barbeque grounds enjoy your self and help these thirty five dedicated men.

Registration open at Jr. High

Students who have not previously attended Dallas Junior High School, grades 7 to 9, and plan to do so this fall, are asked to register as soon as possible at the Dallas Junior High School. The student must present, upon registration, his or her report card from the previous school, and birth certificate.

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SNOOPER VIEW—Gary Radzinski gives his pal Snooper a chance to rest his feet during last week's pet show at the Dallas Borough Recreation Center. Related photos on page 12.

Photo by Terry Bonifanti

School taxes mailed

Vern Pritchard, tax collector for King Township has announced that 1975 school taxes have been mailed. They are subject to a 2 per cent discount until Sept. 15, 1975.

For the convenience of the local

residents the tax collector will be at the Shavertown Branch of the Wyoming National Bank on Wednesday, Aug. 6 and Wednesday, Sept. 10 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Irish teachers add authenticity to Irish Day

A visit by 20 teachers from Ireland, added to authenticity of the annual Irish Day celebration at Harvey's Lake July 19. The teachers, in the area as the guests of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Greater Wilkes-Barre, climaxed a four day stay at Harvey's Lake by entertaining and being entertained at the Irish Day celebration.

The teachers are members of an Irish Teacher's Seminar Program conducted annually at the University of Delaware. The program was revealed to the local Irish group on a June 1974 trip to Dublin through contact with Steve Daley, coordinator of the program. The Wilkes-Barre group offered to host the visiting teachers and did so last year.

This year, the Wilkes-Barre Harvey's Lake visit was made the first leg of the teachers visit making this area the first contact with the United States for many of the teachers. The stay in this area was also expanded to four days this year, allowing the teachers to stay in the homes of area residents.

Mayor and Mrs. William Connolly of Harveys Lake and their family

were among those accomodating the Irish visitors. Staying with the Connollys were Maire Philomena White and Mariead Desmond. Mrs. Connolly commented after the girls left about their "frequent" expression of admiration for the trees in the Back Mountain.

Mrs. Connolly said, "The trees were of special interest because Ireland is known as a sparsely wooded area."

The Connolly children were impressed by their visitors musical background. Miss Desmond plays the viola in the Dublin Symphony Orchestra. She also plays the piano and an instrument called a recorder, a whistle with a flute-like sound. Miss White plays the piano and likes folk singing and dancing.

The Connolly girls, along with Aileen O'Donnell and Jackie McManus, are members of the O'Donnell Dancers, a group, under the direction of Maureen O'Donnell who perform traditional Irish dances. The prize winning group has performed both locally and in national competition. Both the O'Donnell dancers and the

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Dust, driving conditions make Carverton Rd. 'unbearable'

by Terry Bonifanti

"Dust, as much as a quarter inch develops in one day at work," according to Mrs. Al Donnelly. Mrs. Donnelly is a resident of Brown Manor on Carverton Road in Kingston Township, which is presently under construction.

Her main complaint, along with many of her neighbors is the amazing amount of dust and dirt, the unbreathable, unsightly and unstoppable dust that comes into homes and yards in that area as a result of the construction on Carverton Road.

David Jones, project engineer for Wyoming Sand & Stone, the contractors on the Carverton Road project, when asked about the dust said, "We've got a water truck running all day, it's hard to take care of, we're trying."

Mrs. Donnelly believes Jones. "The contractor makes an effort. However, to control the amount of dust that comes each day, would be a 24 hour a day job. Mrs. Donnelly's opinion of life on Carverton Road at the present is "unbearable".

Neighbors on the road share Mrs. Donnelly's opinion. Dr. Les Jordan, who lives near the intersection of Springarden and Carverton Road mentioned the dust first in his feelings about the road. "We eat outside in the summers, it's been close to impossible this year."

Dr. Jordan said the only way he and his family can eat out in the yard is if he hoses down the street near his home prior to dinner, to hold down the dust.

Just riding down the road is enough witness to the dust. No matter how hot the day, most of the cars that go up and down Carverton Road do so with their windows closed. The sight of someone in a front yard or seated on a front porch near the construction is rare. The sight of dust coated shrubs, cars, steps and even children is not.

The construction is progressing, although not readily visible to the eye.

Deep ditches that once spanned the sides of the road near Memorial Highway have been filled as Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company has completed a project of dropping and moving gas lines in those areas, bridge abutments stand now as concrete bases where holes stood alone a few months ago, but the disadvantages of the construction still exist in large numbers.

Residents believe the construction is progressing. "You can't really see it, but it's being done. It's so gradual or slow, and it's been torn up so long, it's hard to notice any real change", according to Alan Root who lives in the 300 block of the road.

Root agrees with most of the residents interviewed who believe that living with the construction now is worth the new road conditions it is leading to.

Dr. Jordan, however believes, "We didn't want the road in the first place. All that the end result will mean is a speed highway for a bunch of people to go to Francis Slocum State Park and they got there before without the new road, the other ways must have been adequate."

Dr. Richard E. Crompton, whose office is at 206 Carverton Road and who lives adjacent to the road believes the end result of the new road, "may be worth it." He also believes, however, it could have been brought about, "in a better way."

"The road has been a mess for years," according to Dr. Crompton. "It could have been done in sections instead of this whole mess, however," he said.

Dr. Crompton added, "They are taking out that terrible curve at the bottom of the hill and replacing the bridge, it just seems it could have been done a lot cheaper and quicker than it is."

Alan Root found another major complaint about the construction worth verbalizing, "rough driving conditions." Root said he is afraid to allow his children, "near the road

with all the cars zigzagging to miss the pot holes."

And as far as driving himself, "There is no way to miss the rough driving conditions; there are 25 foot drops, places where two cars can't pass each other and you're always delayed one way or the other," according to Root.

"Night conditions are even worse," said Root, who as a truck driver sometimes finds himself coming home from work in the early morning hours said, "There are no real warning devices on the road, and if you don't know the road well, you can be in real trouble at night or in the fog," according to Root.

Jones, from Wyoming Sand & Stone, said that the company presently has 140 flashing warning lights "on the job". The lights, although present on the job, do not cover all the spots that would require safety measures. Observation shows that there are places on the road where 10 to 15 foot drops that span 500 feet may have the warning lights spaced as far apart as 100 feet leaving large dropoffs hidden from the night or fog driver.

The thing that really suffers when traveling Carverton Road is the car. Susie Brown, who is receptionist at the Back Mountain Dental Clinic on Carverton Road, said, "beside the fact that the dust is such a bother in the car and on the car, the bumps are just awful." Miss Brown said. As an example "in March I had my car aligned and in April, it already needed it again."

Miss Brown added, "The people who came up the Wyoming way say it's just awful there, like an obstacle course, and it really looks bad for the winter."

"Coming up the Wyoming way," is bad. About three quarters of a mile toward Memorial Highway from Eighth Street there is a span of road worse than an obstacle course. One section has a space definitely passable by only one car, while another, a little further up, has un-

packed soil on it that takes the car much the same way deep snow might.

When encountering another vehicle in this section, one is overcome with the fear of not knowing where it might go, and not quite knowing where his own car might go.

What's good about Carverton Road right now? Not much, according to the residents and people who use it. The progress is "slow" and "hard to see". It's "dusty" and "noisy" and "dangerous", and some are not even

sure "we wanted it changed in the first place."

"The effort to improve it and stop accidents caused by road conditions, may make the construction worthwhile, but not if it "turns the road into a speed highway for a bunch of wild kids driving cars."

Those worrying about what the road may turn into can settle their fears, for at least another year. Although Wyoming Sand & Stone, "thought," they "would have half the job done right now", Jones said the utility

companies and efforts to move lines and pipes have severely hampered progress. Months behind in their estimated removal dates, telephone and electric poles still stand in the way of the road in many places.

"We are planning to pave the base course of the blacktop by the end of this year", Jones said. "But it depends on the fall weather, how fast the utilities finish and whatever else comes up."

At least the winter snows will hold down the dust.



CARVERTON WARNING—The long distance between warning flashes on Carverton Road is exemplified in this stretch of road seen in the photo.