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Borough revokes permit after petition

A building permit issued to Gerald an undersized lot. Roberts Lieberman to erect a double dwelling on land at 64 Pinecrest Ave., Dallas, was revoked by the Dallas Borough Council members at their meeting Tuesday night.

Leroy Roberts, building inspector, stated that on July 26, he improperly issued a building permit for the double dwelling on what he later learned was

The sale of the Shavertown

meeting, Monday, Aug. 16, at the

The board also stipulated that

proceeds from the sale will be used for

capital expenditures, a change from

the time of the original plan when

proceeds were needed to balance the budget. At the time of the adoption of

the budget \$100,000 from the sale of

the building was included for

operating. Since then, new revenues

have been realized from other

Ernest Ashbridge, president,

explained that the district has

received an increase in funds from the

one percent income tax and from

increased real estate taxes since the

He also explained that it has been

unnecessary to replace some teachers

who are on maternity leave, that

liability insurance on buildings is

\$7,000 less than anticipated and that

the sale of the Shavertown building

will further reduce taxes and

July 1 budget was accepted.

senior high school.

sources

insurance.

Shavertown school sold

Elementary School for \$102,100 to sell the building when it was

William J. Powell, Dallas, was disapproved by the Pennsylvania approved by the Dallas School Department of Labor and Industry District board of directors at a special because of being a frame structure

recommended that the permit be revoked as it was not in conformance with the building code.

Charles Lemmond, borough solicitor, explained that in areas zoned R-1, lots must be at least 75 feet in width if there is sewage available and, if not, lots must be 100 feet wide. The lot on Pinecrest Avenue dated

The directors initially decided to

and because of being an eyesore and

unsafe for children. At one time, it

was under consideration for use as

administrative offices, but that idea

was discarded because of the high

what the buyer plans to use the

property for and have no intention of

trying to find out since use was not

mentioned in the specifications. As

published in this paper last week,

Powell's only responsibility for using

the building is to comply with

Use of the money for capital

expenditures by the school district

could include needed improvements

at Westmoreland School, purchase of

the Dallas Intermediate School

modular building by bid from the

federal government or additional

offices for school administration

The board also approved the

appointment of Mrs. Gloria Whitman

township zoning regulations.

The directors said they have no idea

cost of renovation.

personnel.

back to the time when land in the area ordinances. was owned by Parrish and the lots were only 50 feet in width. New ordinances restricted the use of these

Roberts'

recommendation, which they did. Edward Kearney, Pinecrest Avenue resident, spoke on behalf of the dozen or more residents who were at the meeting, and for the 43 persons, who had signed a petition objecting to the construction of the double dwelling home based on the fact that it was not

lots in that no lot of record may be

used for the erection of a family

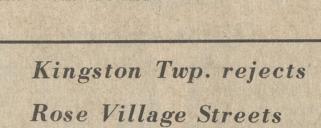
dwelling. He recommended that

ratify

in conformance with the zoning

He explained that the property in question was situated between his property and that, of Thomas Makravitz and that there was no right of way for use by persons who might have occupied the dwelling. He also assured Jerry Machell, president of the council, that the residents of Pinecrest would back council in their

Lemmond told council that there is no assessment for that particular lot in the court house.



turned down the request of the Rose Village developer to take over three streets in the development

The supervisors recommended in writing that the developer correct certain water draining conditions existing on the roads.

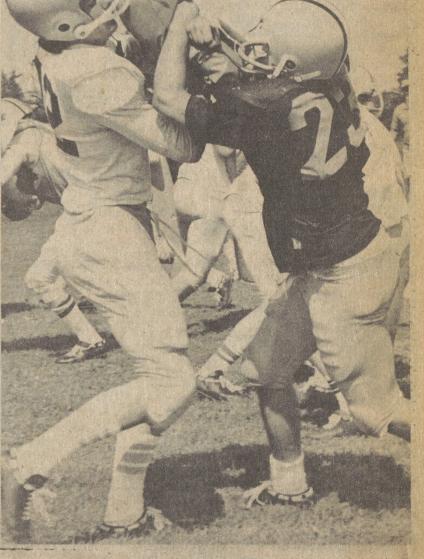
The supervisors also refused the developer's request to rezone a street

The request of John Mesaros, Manor Drive, to rezone seven acres from A-1 to R-1 was approved.

Michael Stanley, township secretary, was authorized to advertise an ordinance covering damages by contractors to township curbing and roads whenever a new

Kingston Township supervisors structure is built and the contractor is to issue a check in the amount of \$250 to the township to cover such

damages. David Phillips, Pioneer Avenue, who wrote a previous letter to the supervisors complaining about the television cable service, wrote another letter explaining that the cable company had taken care of the problem and that his reception is now adequate. He stated that the company has promised to do everything possible to insure proper service and will initiate a system to record complaints and correct them even if a visit to a customer's house is necessary.



RUSHING THE SEASON--Rushing was the name of the game as Lake-Lehman gridders opened practice season Monday morning at the high school field. See more football on page 13.

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profile" organization seriously concerned about the local implications of what may be the nation's number one social problem -yet unwilling to permit its activities to become the basis for sensational headlines and news broadcasts.

The group is the Back Mountain Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse,

and service clubs.

The idea for the group began about a year ago when Women of Kiwanis heard a guest speaker from a local police department describe local narcotics enforcement incidents. In communicating with other area residents about the problem, Kiwanis Women found several service clubs

It's what you might call a 'low through the cooperation of local civic undertaking action projects but uniting representatives from womans expenses of the council has been hesitating to intrude into a potentially explosive and controversial social

category like drugs and alcohol. The consideration came back to two basic questions: what is the true dimension of the drug and alcohol abuse problem in the Back Mountain municipalities? And what can be done locally to resolve the problem?

clubs, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Jaycees and their auxiliaries. Although law enforcement was not considered an objective of the group, police officers and school officials were invited to present their estimate of the problem to the council.

A Kiwanian Bernard Banks, was selected by the council as chairman. Paul Hession, also of Kiwanis, was named treasurer and Mary Parente, the Junior Woman's. Club, is secretary.

The group began quietly studying the local problem, meeting monthly to continue its work. The objective: measure the facts of drug and alcohol abuse locally and coordinate action projects by participating civic and service organizations.

The group obtained the counsel of two college professors--Keith M. Kilty, assistant professor of the graduate school of social work at Marywood College and Tom O'Neil, chairperson of the department of behavioral sciences and social work at College Misericordia.

A steering committee with representatives from each service and civic club was appointed to work with Kilty in the development of a survey to measure the Back Mountain situation. Misericordia classes in O'Neil's department agreed to assist with the administration of the survey, which has been planned now for Oct. 5 and 6 in Dallas schools.

cooperate with the survey plan, asking only that parents be given the opportunity to decline participation by their children if they wished, a concession readily agreed to by the council. A note will be sent with Dallas school district students in the survey. The questionaire will be administered to students in grades five through 12.

All survey participation is anonymous and only summary statistics will be utilized. Lake-Lehman schools were considered for the survey but not included when it was found that a similar current survey was previously administered there by Hershey Medical Center. Tentative plans call for the administration of an adult survey following the completion of the school survey in the Dallas District.

Funding for the survey and other

provided by private fund-raising. Some of the clubs provided loans to the council which are to be repaid from proceeds from a gourmet club ticket sale. The gourmet club tickets provide bargain rates for area restaurants. Dallas Kiwanis plans to operate a booth at the Luzerne County Fair of Dallas Area Fall Fair Inc. to Irem Temple Country Club.

The council has agreed to keep the public advised about the progress of the survey and the results, when available. For its part the public is urged to cooperate in the survey plan, consider backing the project with contributions to the council or through the gourmet club and participation in the council, which meets monthly at

Luzerne-Dallas Highway posted 45

Motorist traveling the Luzerne-Dallas Highway will see new speed limit signs posted 45 miles per hour beginning from the intersection of Route 309 and 415 and placed approximately one-eighth mile apart to the Courtdale line.

PennDOT crews installed the new speed limit signs Monday afternoon increasing the maximum speed limit to 45 miles per hour on the highway which has been the subject of much controversy since it was initially posted 40 miles per hour.

Two persons challenged the wording of the State Motor Vehicle Code and when they appealed their

arrest they were upheld by court decisions handed down by Judges Arthur D. Dallesandro and Bernard J. Podcasy.

Jack Culkin, PennDOT assistant engineer, noted that the department does not agree with the decisions and also added that the increased speed. limit was approved by PennDOT's legal department.

Despite the fact that the signs were posted and in clear view on Tuesday, motorists were traveling 50 and 55 miles per hour on the stretch of highway between Shavertown and

DAMA to apply for and 6 in Dallas schools. Dallas school officials agreed to grant on Stonehedge

Members of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) instructed their engineer consultant Henry Haley to apply for the necessary funds from the Community Facilities State Grant to aid in supplying Stonehedge with the much needed sewer system.

At the regular DAMA meeting last Thursday night, chairman R. Spencer Martin noted that Dallas borough has agreed to accept responsibility for the restoration of the roads from their own funds. This will enable DAMA to

take on the proposed \$138,000 project. Application for the grant has been received and must be filed between Nov. 1976 and Jan. 1, 1977. Haley will inform Dallas Borough of the application. The requested grant will be for \$75,000. A serious problem has been plaguing Stonehedge residents

and they sought the assistance of Dallas Borough and DAMA to install the sewer system in their development. Since DAMA is financially unable to assume complete responsibility for the entire project, aid was sought from the borough. Revenue from the proposed additions will also figure in the cost of the project.

Haley reported that there is a new Public Works Bill which could be applicable to the areas needs. Sewer Extension 1 was prepared in 1972 and federal funds were sought for its completion. Every year DAMA's priority is lowered and there seems to be little chance of obtaining the necessary funds for completion of the project.

The new Public Works Bill could possibly be the answer to sewers for

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CARRIAGES, CARRIAGES-George Taylor had a variety of old carriages and buggies on display at the Idetown Horse Show last weekend. Shown standing in front of one of them is his daughter, Lois Jean Schwartz, Alberta Taylor, his wife; and Taylor. (Photo by Fay Broody)