

Know your neighbor

While most businessmen are concerned about today's economic conditions, there is one young businessman in the Back Mountain, who has not opened one or two, but his third business in the Dallas Shopping Center.

Jim Davies, Dallas resident, and his wife, Anne, recently opened their new "Toy Box", toy store in the shopping center. Why, when others are concerned about one business or any business at all?

Davies has this answer, "I believe that the Back Mountain will continue to grow as it has been during the past number of years and I expect that business here will keep growing with it."

He has a lot of confidence in the area and believes that those who get in now on the ground floor will be the successful businessmen in the years ahead.

He and Anne opened the "Toy Box" in August, 1976. Davies said that he got the idea from people coming

into "The Hut", his gift shop, looking for gifts for children. After years of sending people elsewhere, he realized the toy store was a natural, so he and Anne started working at it.

Today, they have a complete line of toys, games and children's books for boys and girls. There is also a hobby area in the shop where one can purchase cars, trains, planes, boats, wood and plastic and many accessories. The shop also has balsa wood in bulk.

There are games for children age four through adult, traditional ones plus most of the newest ones. Educational toys, dolls, dishes, and many other

popular items are available. Barbie, Bionic woman, Holly Hobby are only a few of the dolls.

Jim Davies opened his first place of business "The Hut" in 1970 when he left the police force and decided to go into business for himself. He rented the store space before he decided on the card and gift shop. He selected the name "The Hut" from a fictitious set-up he saw in a magazine, suggesting a good display idea for a gift department in a large store.

From the beginning he carried a line of cards, gifts and candles but continued to expand and refine the gift department and moved

into new quarters in the shopping center. Within the past year, the shop outgrew the lines of cards they had and became a Hallmark dealer. He also purchases cards from four other card companies.

Prior to Christmas, Davies imprints cards in the store as well as sending them out to be done. He plans to do even more in his shop this season.

From a self-operated business, there are now four employees.

In 1974, he opened Davies Office Supplies in the location where the first "Hut" had been. Two girls are working in the office supplies store. Jim decided to open the store when people came into the gift shop for business and photo cards. They also asked for other supplies.

Realizing that businessmen, students and housewives of the area had to go into town for supplies and equipment, he stocked his store with a nearly complete line of supplies. He also carries typewriters, calculators, other machines, and office furniture. Back Mountain churches have also found the office supply store convenient.

The three businesses are a husband and wife venture. Both work cooperatively, Anne doing the bookkeeping and Jim taking care of the payroll. They share the ordering with Anne ordering all the jewelry and similar items while Jim orders the brass and similar items. They often compare opinions on many of the items.

Bonnie Ziegler is general manager of the three stores. Working with her are Judy Stroh, Janice Fitzgerald, Emma LaFrance, Kathy McManus, Missy DeLong, Linda Major, and Wendy Paulsen, who exchange duties in all of the stores.

Davies highly commends his employees for their personal interest in the businesses and the work they do. He stated that in the seven years he has been in business he has had a good group of employees.

He also said that he could not keep up the pace with the three places if Anne did not cooperate and understand the long hours he has to put into the businesses.

Anne is the former Anne Northrup, daughter of Elin Northrup and the late Bowden Northrup. Jim is the son of Mrs. Gordon Dietrick, Jr., and the late Lt. James B. Davies, II of Dallas. Jim and Anne Davies live in Dallas with their two daughters, Barbara, age seven, and Elizabeth, two and a half.



Anne & Jim Davies

Back Mt. man opens third local business

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McHose works 50 years in Back Mountain

Twenty nine years ago Calvin MchHose was appointed to fill an unexpired term of the Lake Township tax collector, and in 1949, he was re-elected to the position which he continued to hold until the formation of the Harveys Lake Borough in 1968. He was then elected tax collector for the borough.

Never-the-less to the many who knew him years ago, he still has the abilities and traits which made him successful in the field of education, where he was employed for 14 years.

A native of Hazleton, MchHose graduated from

Hazleton High School, then went to Franklin and Marshall College where he received his B.S. degree in economics. He also did graduate work at Susquehanna University and Penn State.

Cal taught school in Hazleton for a year, then in the spring of 1927 came to Lake Township School as supervising principal. While there he lived with the I.A. Rood family.

After five years, MchHose left the township school to take post-graduate work, then assumed the position of supervising principal at Dallas Borough High School. He gave up his

position in Dallas to become associated with the U.S. Dept. of Education's adult education program, where he was employed for five years.

In 1940 he became affiliated with Oliver's automobile agency in Dallas and Kingston. After the 1954 model of the Hudson was on the market, the Oliver agency closed when the manufacturer merged with two other companies to become American Motors.

In 1954, MchHose went into the delinquent tax business, working for municipalities, a business which he still owns and operates today, one which operates throughout the entire Commonwealth.

He was married in 1936 to the former Madge Oliver of Dallas. They have three daughters, Mary Charles Wallace, Columbia; Margaret Oliver Dersheimer, Harveys Lake; and Kathryn Louise Faraly, Havertown.

Cal and Madge live at the lake in their home which they built in 1954, designed by Madge with the assistance of Cal's brother. A beautiful natural stone fireplace designed by Madge highlights the large living-room of their home.

Cal traveled extensively in his work until about five years ago when he delegated some of his administrative duties to other employees so he could have more time with his family.

He and Madge enjoy traveling and they have visited most of Europe and all but eight of the United States.

Cal enjoys reading articles about national and international current events and magazines such as Time magazine.

He likes the wholesome atmosphere, open space, beautiful water, and the friendliness of the residents of the lake.

During his years in the Back Mountain and Harveys Lake, he has seen the area grow and increase in population.

"We are growing," said MchHose, "and I have hope for continued growth. This growth has made possible stronger school districts with broader programs of courses to be offered and increased acceptance of our students in leading colleges and universities."

MchHose is a member of George M. Dallas Lodge 531 and 1933 past master. He is also a member of Keystone Consistory, Scranton, and a member and past president of Dallas Rotary Club, his tenure at the same time Michael Kuchta was secretary. A charter member of Harveys Lake Lions Club, he also is a past president. MchHose is also past president of the Harveys Lake Protective Association.

He has remained active in both his high school and college alumni associations and recently was honored at the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1926, Franklin and Marshall.

K. Lavelle to speak at Kiwanis

The Back Mountain Kiwanis Club of Shavertown will hold its regular weekly meeting on October 23, 8:30 a.m., at the Mark II Restaurant, Dallas.

Kathy Lavelle, assistant director of admissions at College Misericordia, will speak on admission procedures and programs offered at College Misericordia.

Anyone interested in attending our meetings or wishing to become a member of our club, is invited to attend.

Regular meetings are held every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Mark II Restaurant.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Kingston of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, at 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, Pennsylvania 17708 until 4:30 P.M., on October 27, 1976, for the following:
1. 100 Tons - Bulk - Deicing Salt
Proposals must be upon the forms furnished by the Municipality and be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 10 percent of the bid, made payable to the Municipality.
The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

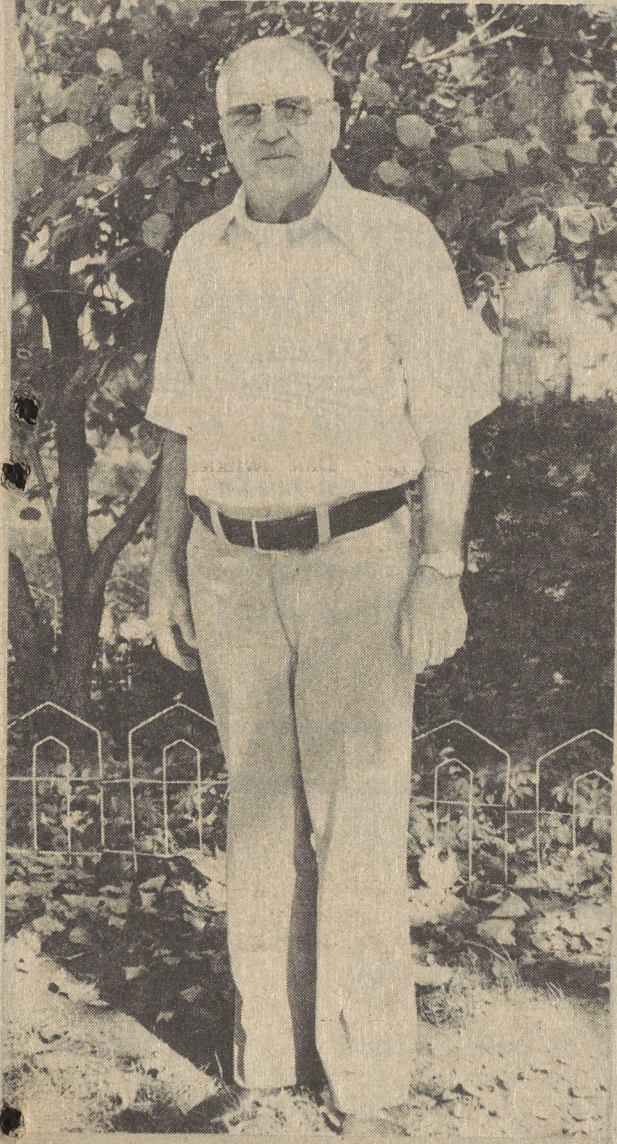
Kingston Township
BY Michael J. Stanley
Secretary

NOTICE

The Harveys Lake borough planning commission will meet Friday night, Oct. 19, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sewer Authority Building at Sunset to consider the formation of a citizen committee to establish priorities for the demolition of derelict structures at the Lake.
2. Thomas Heck's application for a two-story boathouse.
3. The possibility of rezoning O'Connell's Twin Lakes from residential to commercial.
4. Progress on the public works applications for roads and the borough building.

Guy J. Giordano
Chairman, Planning Commission

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