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TWENTY CENTS



IT'S SANTA—It's Santa, and he moves, says Leonard Strongin as he spies Santa Claus standing in front of Al Lipko's Ye Olde Clock Shoppe. (Photo by Cheryl Casner Gula)

Chamber of Commerce group to weigh Dallas appearance project

A subcommittee of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce has earmarked a Dallas project for special attention in the coming weeks.

The Wyoming Valley Image and Appearance Task Force agreed at a meeting late in October to consider ways to achieve the improvement of appearance in the rear of the first block of Main St. Dallas.

Task Force Chairman William Desciak said the task force would discuss ways of approaching the improvement, sensitive to property rights involved, at a meeting Dec. 9.

In the October meeting, the group noted that initial efforts should be directed toward goals that are attainable and eyesores which are

highly visible. It agreed to concentrate on the major access routes to Wyoming Valley and Wilkes-Barre city, such as Kidder Street, Blackman Street, Route 309 and Route 11.

One plan of action, suggested by Desciak, would be to meet with municipal officials and service clubs in a combined meeting. The group hopes to coordinate public support among service clubs and similar agencies to alleviate the problem.

The task force is utilizing recommendations made by the consulting firm of Wilbur Smith and Associates to the flood recovery task force in 1974. The study provides

direction in the identification of area eyesores, specific locations, possible implementing groups, techniques, and possible funding sources for the elimination of each problem discussed.

John Sheehan, a Dallas resident who is an executive with the Chamber, is proceeding with a further investigation of the project. Members of the task force participating in the October meeting included Desciak, Joan Costello, Hanford Eckman, Fred Karl, and Robert Howes Jr.

Members of the group not attending the October meeting included Ray Carlsen, Frank Paczewski, Donald W. Sanderson and Andrew Shaw.

Roberts firemen to require membership for 'free' ambulance

The Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company, Harveys Lake, is proposing a family membership plan for residents who may wish to use the ambulance service provided by the volunteer company.

In a letter to residents of the borough and adjoining areas served by the volunteers, Richard E. Williams II, president of the company invited families to subscribe for a \$10 annual membership in the ambulance service. Individual memberships will be available for \$5 per year.

Members will be entitled to unlimited free emergency ambulance service on calls initiated from within the Harveys Lake area, subject to the availability of equipment and staff. Williams letter said that those not taking advantage of the membership plan will be charged \$25 for each call.

There will be an additional charge for any ambulance transportation ranging beyond the 25-mile limit and up to a maximum of 200 miles, depending on the distance. Members will receive a preferential rate on the extra distance service.

Non-emergency calls for ambulance transportation will be honored for members only if medically necessary and initiated by the member's physician according to the terms of the plan. Fees will be

charged for medically unnecessary transportation calls.

All applications for membership in the service are subject to the approval of the fire company and all information provided on the application for membership is subject to verification by the company.

Under the terms of the agreement, "family" includes persons residing together in one single family dwelling. An "individual" membership will apply to any person over the age of 18 years, living alone. Membership will include guests of any family or individual.

The terms of the membership will be from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of each year. In the event that equipment or staff are not available from the Roberts Fire Company, alternate emergency service will be requested

from cooperating neighboring fire or ambulance companies.

Williams said the membership plan was necessary due to rising costs in operation of the unit, combined with a decrease in donations. He thanked persons who have contributed following the use of the service but noted that non-contributors greatly exceeded those who assisted the unit.

The Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company is an all-volunteer group, not supported by borough or other governments. All are related privately by the volunteers themselves with money-raising projects and fund drives.

Volunteers are not paid for services performed.

Williams said persons with questions regarding the new plan are invited to contact him for further details.

Fund set for fire victims

The Home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Edmundson of Orange was destroyed by fire on Wednesday evening, Nov. 17, and the family possessions were destroyed in the blaze—the result of a malfunctioning Franklin stove.

Last week, employees of Rick Reese Excavating Company of Orange leveled the structure to remove what had been a pitiful sight.

As a community project, members of the Orange United Methodist Church in Franklin Township, have undertaken the sponsoring of a fund

to re-establish the Edmundson family which is presently living with Mrs. Edmundson's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Forster in the Village of Orange.

Donations to the Edmundson family fund, Orange United Methodist Church, may be mailed to Mr. Malcolm Baird, R.D. 3, Box 180, Dallas, Pa. 18612, or can be delivered Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4, from 1 to 5 at the Orange UM Church social rooms, or to any member of the

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1976 records less deer killed in area than in 1975

An estimated 600 deer were killed in Luzerne County the opening day of deer season, according to L.L. Harshbarger, assistant supervisor of Pennsylvania Game Commission office in Dallas. The number is approximately 130 less than opening day a year ago.

Harshbarger said that about the same number of hunters were in the field as last year. He also reported approximately 5,650 bucks were bagged in the 13-county jurisdiction of the office, 690 less than 1975.

Four accidents were reported in the 13-county area, one each in Wyoming, Pike, Susquehanna, and Wayne County.

Harshbarger had no reports on Tuesday night from the field offices as to size or unusual bucks.

Most of the hunters were still at cabins or a lodge, but a quick survey indicated a number of fortunate first day hunters.

Tanya Kocher of Harveys Lake shot a six point buck on her family's 40-acre property early Monday morning.

It is the seventh deer Tanya has bagged in her 20 years of hunting. She is the corresponding secretary of the Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club and was the first of the members to register her kill.

Melvin and Kenneth Morris, brothers from East Dallas, got theirs, Ken shooting a nine point very early Monday morning by Hildebrand's farm and Mel killing a spike buck near Demunds.

Herb Dreher, Jr., shot a spike buck at 9:30 Monday in Pike County where the hunting party he was with were staying.

Two members of the Dallas faculty got their buck opening day. Joseph O'Donnell, Dallas Senior High guidance counselor and varsity basketball coach, shot a four point buck near Wyalusing. Lewis Isaac, history teacher and assistant wrestling coach, killed a three point buck, early Monday morning near Daleville.

Other deer slayers the opening day were Carl Rogers of Harveys Lake, an eight point buck he shot near Forkston, Barry Mackin of Perkiomen, an eight point buck also at Forkston, Steward Waldemyer, RD 5, Tunkhannock and Al Wyda of RD 2, Harveys Lake, each bagged a spike deer.

Some of the hunters questioned reported that the below freezing

weather hampered the opening day kill. They are hoping for milder weather but a light snowfall.



COLD BUT FUN—It was 16 degrees on the bank Tuesday at noon but these Gate of Heaven students didn't mind the sub-freezing as they recessed for lunch and fun in the out-of-doors. Cold? They didn't think so. (Photo by Cheryl Casner Gula)

Twp. budget proposes 8% wage hike

by Carolyn Shupp

On Nov. 29th, the Lehman Twp. Board of Supervisors tentatively adopted their fiscal 1977 budget. Supervisors present at the meeting were Joe Parks, Paul Goodwin, and Ignatius Hozempa.

Secretary-Treasurer Lewis Ide read the details of the budget, noting that it includes an eight percent salary increase for Lehman Twp. employees over last year's budget. Lehman Twp.'s biggest income is expected from the property and wage taxes, at \$38,000 and \$42,000 respectively.

The total anticipated 1977 receipts plus a projected bank balance of \$13,968.20 on Dec. 30, 1976 gives the township a \$128,177.75 budget for fiscal year 1977.

The total expenses, including over \$32,000 for the township police force, are expected to come to \$127,752.75.

Police Chief Bill Russell asked Ide about whether the insurance budget will cover the force's older members. Ide said he'd have to ask the insurance company. Russell also said that one of the township's part-time police officers, Henry Tuck, doesn't wish to be paid for all of fiscal 1977. No reason was given for Tuck's request.

The State and Federal Revenue Sharing grants were also discussed that night. Part of the Federal monies are earmarked for the completion of the township garage. Ide brought up the fact that the State and Federal requests can be lowered but not raised and changed after being advertised as required by law. With that in mind, the supervisors tentatively adopted both budgets.

Final adoption of all three budgets will be made on Dec. 30th at 7 p.m. at the Lehman Twp Fire Hall.