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Dallas Township supervisors refuse state road.

Dallas Township supervisors discussed at length the matter of accepting 9.43 miles of road from the state, at their reorganization meeting this week. Chairman Phillip Walter instructed secretary Glenn Howell to write to Rep. Frank O'Connell, PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Supervisors Association telling them that the proposed roads named for takeover by the township are in worse than deplorable condition.

The roads named were: Ellsworth Hill Road, Sgarlat Lake Road, 42nd Street, Lake Catalpa Road, Upper Demunds Road and Warden Place Road. Some of the roads are only 12 feet wide, it was noted by Walter.

The township would receive \$900 per mile for the roads and it was loosely estimated that it would take more than \$60,000 to get the Ellsworth Hill Road in proper condition. It would also be necessary to purchase another truck and hire two more men for maintenance, Walter stated. He also noted that nothing has been done to care for these roads for a long time.

Dallas Township will refuse to accept the roads until they are put in acceptable condition, it was affirmed.

The board will also write a letter to Luzerne and Courtdale Boroughs concerning the stop light located on Route 309 and the Courtdale Road intersection. Solicitor Townend stated that when the light is not manually operated, it takes between 10 and 15 minutes to get from O'Malia's Laundry through Luzerne at the peak hours in the morning and in the evening.

This is most frustrating to motorists from the Back Mountain communities, Solicitor Townend reported. He suggested that some sort of adjustment be made to ease traffic flow at peak hours.

Lake passes \$251,230 budget, appoints fulltime secretary/zoner

Harveys Lake council members passed a 1977 budget of \$251,230 last Thursday night and made two appointments to borough administrative positions in the final session of 1976.

Council President Guy J. Giordano



POSTER GIRL—Mrs. Ann Rowlands of Dallas is shown above holding her daughter Claudia at recent Christmas party at St. Joseph's Hospital in Scranton. Claudia, nine years old, has been named 1977 Poster Girl of the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter March of Dimes. She is afflicted with a birth defect termed spina bifida, or open spine. Spina bifida occurs when vertebrae and spinal cord fail to develop properly, often resulting in a protrusion on the lower back which contains spinal cord and fluid. The March of Dimes believes every baby conceived deserves our best efforts for its survival as a healthy newborn. As of July 1, 1976, \$13.2 million of current funds have been devoted to improve the chances for all newborn babies.

said the new budget does not include any new taxes or increases in existing taxes although he said an increase may be necessary in 1978.

The borough's property tax millage is presently at 10.5 mills. Per capita and earned income taxes are also in

effect in the borough.

Major expenditures in the 1977 budget include \$94,853 for streets and bridges, a total which includes the Warden Place project previously agreed upon. Police will use \$45,000 of the new budget figure and

renamed as zoning officer and sanitary inspector.

It was suggested by Solicitor Townend that the township inquire as to what plan the county has for increasing the penalty on delinquent

tax payers and use the same rate. Howell was instructed to contact a County Commissioner and see what will be done in that area and include Dallas Township in any change of penalty rate.

Dallas, Lake grant not approved

Dallas Borough and Harveys Lake Borough were not among the municipalities approved for funding by the federal government under the Public Works Act, according to Howard Grossman, director of the Economic Development Council.

Only nine of the 246 Northeastern Pennsylvania municipalities or counties who applied for grants received approval, namely Tobyhanna Township, Dickson City, Plymouth Township, Carbondale Area School District, Exeter Township, Berwick Area School District, Nanticoke, Luzerne County and Courtdale Borough.

Grossman said that the borough's only hope was for a second round of funding if approved under the new administration.

Guy J. Giordano, president of Harveys Lake borough council said that according to a daily paper published Jan. 4, a new bill already has been introduced to the Congress for another \$4 billion and that the council's consultant believes approval will be given for at least \$2 billion. He also said that the Lake council is committed to reapplying if the money is available and that he thinks their chances are good since their application already is on file.

Harveys Lake has applied for two grants, one for reconstruction of the borough's dirt roads and one for a municipal building.

Jerry Machell, president of Dallas Borough Council, said that council is disappointed. He said he is not certain where they will go from this point until they have discussed the matter with their consultants, Smith-Miller Associates. Dallas also hoped to use the funds for a new municipal building.

The Dallas council has an option on the building next to the borough building and Machell said he hoped the questions are cleared up before the option expires. He said all council can do is wait to see if more money becomes available and reapply or do whatever is necessary to be considered.

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Local brokers give preview, forecast of 1977 economy

What does 1977 hold in store for the economy of the country and our Back Mountain Area?

The tempo of business might pickup, no boom but some improvement in our economy, a snapback with the stock market probably finishing out the year on a strong note. Those are some of the predictions made by representatives of some local investment companies and a CPA who resides in Dallas.

George Kulp, resident of the Back Mountain, a stock broker with Elkins, Stroud, Suplee, said he doubts if a tax cut promised by the new U.S. administration would have any impact on unemployment conditions. He sees a gradual rise in economy—no boom but some improvement.

He expects unemployment to level out at 7.7 to 7.5 percent for 1977 but said he believed the country will be in better shape than the rest of the world. He can't see that the change in administration will have any influence on investors.

Fletcher C. Booker, Jr., president of Booker Brothers, said that generally, the current lull in the market might be resolved. At the present time, he believes that the tempo of business may pick up.

The unrealized capacity of business and interest rates coming down can mean an improvement in the general economy, according to Booker.

As for the stock market, he said that there is always a surge in the market during a Democratic administration. Corporate profits will continue to rise and the better economy will stimulate the enthusiasm of the public.

As far as Booker is concerned, it looks like a better year for everyone. Better economic conditions will benefit the public which in turn means a better period for investment. He said he believed the world has been in such a period of flux, that the change

of administration has create apparent enthusiasm for a better economy and hopefully jobs for those who have long been without them.

Charles Golden, vice president of Thomson and McKinnon, stated that psychologically things look good—new faces, new philosophies, with cures for all ills.

He said he believed that President-Elect Carter is de-emphasizing tax cuts and emphasizing.

Golden said he does not think that individual tax cuts will mean much. The few dollars rebate to an individual will not go far. But he does believe that corporate tax cuts would have more stimulation on the economy. He also is of the opinion that jobs programs would have a better

effect on the country's economy.

He said that the stock market is strong, and interest rates are coming down. It is no longer rewarding to leave money in short term bonds so a lot of that money is coming into the stock market.

Golden said that there is a new psychological lift with the new administration and new faces. When the stock market is strong, according to him, the general economy is better. Inflation rates are slowing up and these make for a good environment, said Golden.

William Runner, Jr., Shavertown resident, of Bache, Halsey, Stuart

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Fall Fair facility "encouraged"

Thomas Dombroski, committee chairman for the Back Mountain Medical Center, has been informed by Charles Welsh of the Department of Commerce of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the department had identified the Back Mountain Medical Center to the Appalachian Regional Commission as a "back-up" priority project.

He also informed Dombroski that in the event funds became available during the fiscal year the department would submit the medical center's application for funding. Welsh said the notification was not a funding commitment but an "encouragement" for more planning.

The Back Mountain Medical Center

was first proposed by the Fall Fair Committee with funds for such a center raised through the annual fair held at Lehman Horse Show Grounds. The Fall Fair Committee includes the various service clubs to the Back Mountain Area including Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Back Mountain Jaycees, their auxiliaries, and other civic groups. The fair group has been deeded a 12-acre site near the intersection of Routes 118 and 415 for use as a medical facility.

Howard Grossman, director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, confirmed that there is a possibility of funding from the Appalachian Commission but that the committee from the Fall Fair working on the medical center project must first get together and decide what the medical need is for the Back Mountain.

Their next step is to prove the need for a primary health care center. If the need is proven there is a possibility the Commission will give them a grant for the operation of the health care center but not for the construction.

Grossman said, however, that there is a long road ahead before such a possibility might be materialized.

A primary health care center is a community-based, non-profit corporation which provides preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic and basic emergency health services by licensed practitioners who are employees of the corporation or under contract of the corporation to patients who are usually ambulatory and who may require any of a variety of medical or health related services.



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY—Coins, coins and more coins were recovered by Kingston Township police following the burglary of Jack Givens home, RD 3, Wyoming, on New Year's Day. His collection of coins as well as metal

detector and guns were taken his home but the police department lost little time in recovering most of the money and the guns. (See more on page 5) (Photo by Tom Schmile)