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TWENTY CENTS



BOROUGH POLICE CHIEF—Dallas Borough Police Chief Edward Lyons was sworn in Friday night by council president Jerry Machell and was at his desk in the borough building early Monday morning. The new chief was appointed at the meeting of the borough council, Jan. 18. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Dallas schools set gas crisis plan

Dallas School District has worked out a contingency gas crisis program, it was announced at the school board meeting Tuesday night.

The senior high school has gas heat so when necessary, senior high and junior high school students will have split sessions which will mean an extended school day. They will meet at the junior high, which is heated by electricity.

The Trucksville Elementary

School building is also heated by gas so those students will meet at one of the other elementary buildings when necessary.

Children should wear sweaters to school as the temperature will be set at 65 degrees. A half hour before dismissal the temperature will be lowered then one and a half hours before classes resume the next day, it will be moved up to 65 degrees.

A letter from Carl Spillane of the

auditor-general's office informed the board that there would be an informal review of the district's audit on Jan. 28. Two school directors will be present to answer questions. No further details were given regarding the audit review.

Anthony Palermo was appointed secretary and business manager. Director Pat Gregory was named assistant secretary.

Ellsworth Karshworth was named

assistant business manager at an annual salary of \$10,000. Karshworth is a 1971 graduate of Bloomsburg College with a degree in accounting. He was formerly employed at the Rural Health Center.

Members of the Dallas School District faculty opened negotiations last week.

Local building continues despite economy

Increased unemployment in the Back Mountain area, a fluctuating stock market, and concern over high interest rates did not prevent construction of new homes, non-residential buildings, or remodeling and renovations by local residents during the year 1976.

In six out of the nine municipalities contacted a total of more than 270 permits were issued with the majority of these for new one family dwellings.

Leonard Kozik, zoning officer for Dallas Township issued a total of 84 permits during the year at the stated value of \$2,420,500. These included 24 one-family housing permits valued at \$733,600; nine garages totaling \$13,750; nine pools for \$25,700, eight additions to homes at \$54,450; and

nine commercial buildings valued at \$1,593,000.

Of the commercial buildings, Commonwealth Telephone Company's new complex accounted for \$1,500,000 of the total value.

Leroy Roberts, zoning officer for Dallas Borough, had records from June 23 to the end of December. June 23 marked the date he assumed the position with the borough.

During that period of time, he issued a total of 49 permits most of them for one family dwellings and four commercial buildings, among these Bonomo's skating rink and Devlin's used car office. The value reported for all permits was \$736,630. Roberts had no records for the first six months of the year.

Kingston Township's zoning officer, John Dana, reported 46 permits issued for 1976, 31 for new single dwellings at \$934,500, seven commercial buildings at \$351,500 and eight private garages at \$51,600. He issued no permits for apartments, mobile homes or churches. The total reported valuation of permits issued was \$1,797,600.

Luzerne County had zoning jurisdiction over Ross Township where 44 permits were issued for a total of \$449,600. Of these permits, 18 were issued for single family homes, three for residential garages, two for duplex dwellings, one for remodeling, five for mobile homes and three to enclose or replace porches.

Five permits were issued for additions, three for storage sheds, one for a cemetery, one for a modular home, one for an appliance, Bible and book store, one for remodeling a building

into apartments and one for a commercial garage.

Lake Township is also under the zoning jurisdiction of Luzerne County. During the year, 39 permits were issued at a reported value of \$392,646. These included 15 single family homes, four residential garages, seven mobile homes, four porches, four additions, one modular home, one commercial garage, one swimming pool, one garage with an apartment above it, and one base camp.

William Yuscellis of Harveys Lake

Borough reported that he issued permits for four new homes at a stated value of \$128,000, two mobile home permits, docks, bathhouses, and boat houses at a value of \$27,000, one permit for a commercial building, and permits for garages, additions, remodeling and renovations at a reported value of \$156,186.

Robert Culp, zoning officer for Jackson Township, declined issuing a report unless authorized by Fred Fielding, chairman of the township

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Franklin firemen add unit, need funds

Executive committee of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company at a special meeting in the Franklin Township Fire Hall completed its official roster of officials for 1977. Jack Roberts, Sr., president, has announced.

In a special announcement to residents of Franklin and Northmoreland Townships, Roberts said the volunteer company responded to more than 40 calls for assistance during 1976. That figure includes some emergency calls for assistance to other fire companies in the Back Mountain area.

"We have added our fourth truck," Roberts continued. "It is a 1966 Ford 2,200 gallon water tanker, which allows us to go to structure fire with about 5,000 gallons of water."

"This gives the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company two pumps and two tankers, and makes the Franklin Fire Company one of the few in the Back Mountain with this amount of water and that number of trucks to respond to an emergency."

"House fires and related deaths appear to be on the increase in the Back Mountain, and the long cold winter is causing some problems and creating additional costs in maintaining the fire company. Our fund drive letters are out and we are requesting your cooperation in returning the letters with your donation as soon as possible," Roberts concluded.

Appointments to the official roster were announced:

First assistant Fire Chief, Robert Appleby; Second assistant, Jack Roberts, Sr.; Third assistant, Michael Warman; Fourth assistant, Chief, James DeRemer, all working under the supervision of Richard Love, who was elected fire chief for 1977 at the associations' annual meeting earlier this month.

Engineers, Philip Culver, Sidney Buttons, Lee Brace, Jack Roberts, Jr.; fire police, Louis Bedford, Philip Culver, Anthony Sosnowski, Charles Davis, Russell Dymond; Small Equipment Engineer, Michael Fuller; Communications Equipment Engineer, Carl Risch; Delegates to the Back Mountain Firemen's Association-delegate, Jack Roberts, Jr.; alternate, James DeRemer; Fire Relief Fund, Robert Jones, president; vice-president, Harold Hoover; secretary-treasurer, Elmer Evans.

Executive committee is composed of Jack Roberts, Sr., president; Charles Davis, vice president; Daniel Williams, secretary; and Harold Hoover, treasurer.

BMCC plans festival June 4,5

At a recent meeting Back Mountain Cultural Center Board members discussed plans for the coming months.

Program chairman Charlotte Watchalonis submitted a report on programs scheduled. February's program will feature a wine and cheese tasting evening at Penn State, Lehman Campus. A theater party at Showcase Theater is planned for spring. Members will receive further details on these programs.

Scheduling for spring classes is underway and registration dates will be announced soon.

Sister Carolyn Burholzer, chairman for the Folk Arts Festival, submitted a progress report on the festival scheduled for June 4 and 5 at

College Misericordia. Plans are being made for exhibitors and other activities such as children's games and rides and a "Come and Create" Booth. A full length marathon of 26 miles is being planned in conjunction with the festival, as well as a repeat of the 10 mile "Bicentennial Run."

Person interested in membership in the Cultural Center may write to BMCC, Box 129, Dallas, Pa. 18612. Membership fees are nominal and cover costs of mailings, including newsletters, class schedules and program notices sent to members.

Board members attending were: Howard Grossman, president; Priscilla Allison, Irene Crawford, Alice Niskey, Jean Fader, and Daniel Goldman.

Second town meeting planned on recreation in Back Mt.

A second Dallas town meeting, on March 6, is planned to continue discussion of forming a Back Mt. recreation council.

A group of citizens in the Back Mountain recently met to develop plans looking toward the possible establishment of a citizen based recreation council as well as the potential for a governmental council which would help promote improved recreation facilities and programs.

The meeting follows the town meeting held in the Dallas Junior High School several months ago, and represents the culmination of several months of planning by interested citizens.

At the special meeting, Allen Sachse, of the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs was present to review examples of coordinated recreation in other parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania as well as describing various grants-in-aid of

interest to citizens and local government officials.

A possibility exists that a small grant may be available from the Community Affairs Department for developing approaches to coordinated recreation, provided local governmental officials are involved in the process.

Some of the programs discussed at the meeting included the need for ice skating facilities, further development of bikeways, a mini-ski slopes, and other potential new recreation

places and programs. Also, discussed were the existing recreation places, owned by local governments which currently are undeveloped.

Pointed out as being important by Sachse was the relationship between school districts and local governments. A position paper has been signed by the Department of Education and Community Affairs concerning the coordination of recreation in the States and at the local level.

Examples exist elsewhere in the Commonwealth where both governmental units—the school district and local government, participate on a shared basis financially and otherwise in the provision of recreation to citizens.

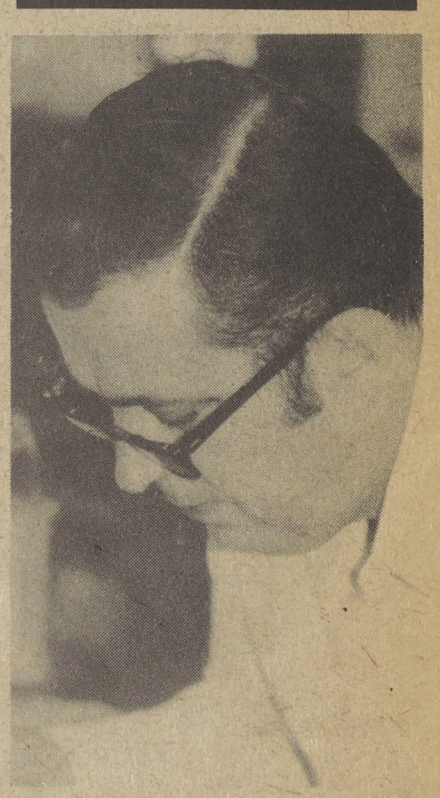
Some of the issues discussed were the potential for a joint recreation board, involvement of local groups and citizens in recreation planning, establishment of specific goals for communities in the area of recreation, needed budgets, and the process to obtain federal and state aids for recreation.

Also reviewed was the Luzerne County Community Development program which can assist in this effort, the Public Works Act, use of CETA personnel for recreational planning and programming, the Luzerne County Recreation Commission, and discretionary or innovative grants under the Community Development Act.

The citizen group noted the presence of local governmental officials at the recent meeting and urged that all interested citizens attend the special town meeting on recreation which will be held on Sunday, March 6, 1977 at the Dallas Senior High School auditorium at 2 p.m.

This will enable all citizens to communicate their views on the establishment of a Back Mountain Recreation Council including all municipalities in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts as well as the Districts themselves.

In addition, the meeting will update citizens on current recreation activities affecting the Back Mountain.



Steph'n F. Hartman, Jr.

Mayor dies

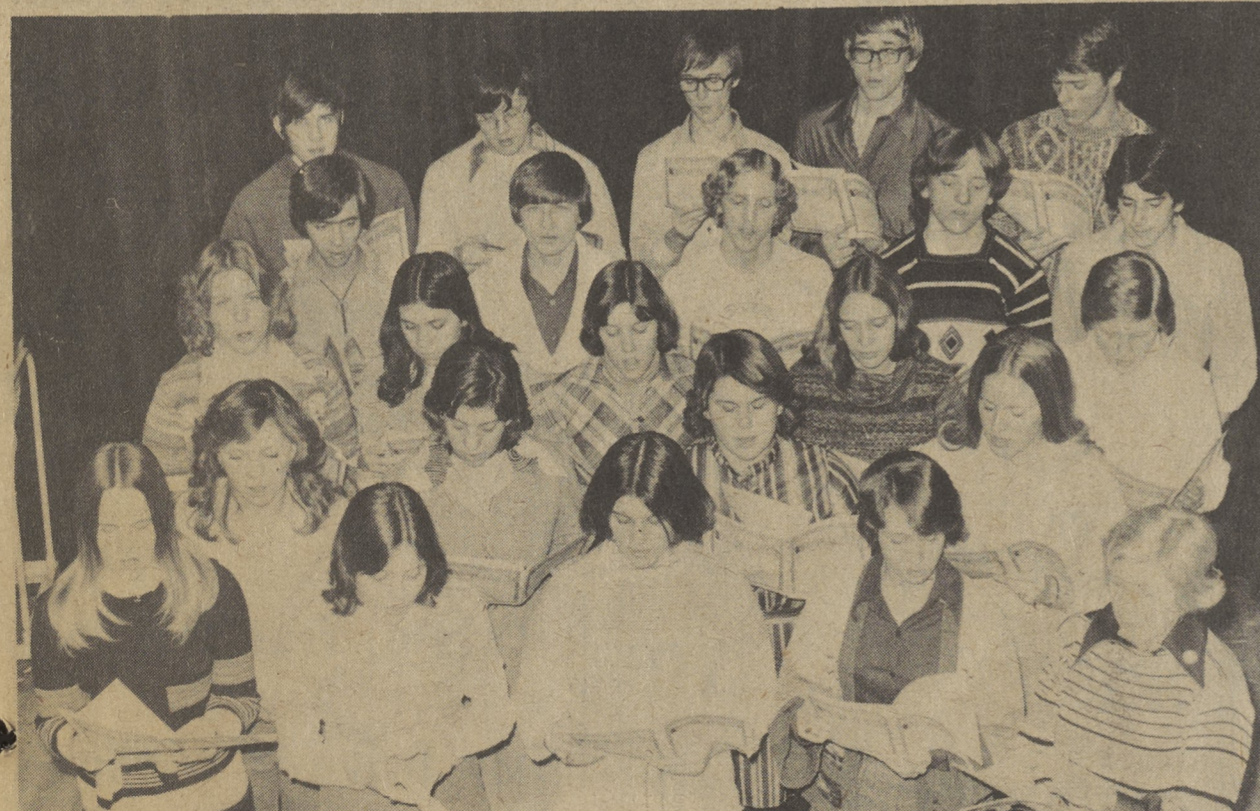
Stephen F. Hartman, Jr., aged 50, 96 Susquehanna Ave., Dallas, died Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. at Valley Crest following an 18 months illness. Hartman Dallas Mayor, was originally a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Wilkes-Barre before his recent transfer to Valley Crest.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, July 23, 1926, he lived in Dallas for the past 22 years. He was formerly employed in refrigeration and air conditioning for Acme Markets for 25 years.

Hartman was mayor of Dallas borough, an office he held for two terms, and a former councilman. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict. He was an active member of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas Fire and Ambulance Association, and the Pennsylvania Mayors Association.

He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Bateman; sons, Stephen F. 3rd, and Terry, both at home; daughter, Mrs. James Gallagher, Kingston; mother, Mrs. Helen Hartman; brother, Richard, Wilkes-Barre and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 North Main St., Shavertown, with the Rev. Douglas Akers, Dallas United Methodist Church, and the Rev. James Baker, Forty Fort United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be at Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton. Friends may call Wednesday, 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.



DISTRICT CHORUS—The above students represent some of the schools working with Mrs. Florence H. Sherwood, Dallas choral director, for the PMEA District IX choral festival at Dallas Junior High School, Jan. 27, 28 and 29. Dallas School District has the honor of hosting the first choral festival of the new district. The chorus will be directed by Robert D. Herrema of Marywood College. Students in the photo are first row, left to right, Kris Plashinski, Lori Gaylord, Alison Davis, Dallas; Sue Killian, West Side Tech; Mrs. Sherwood, host director; second row, Helen Savinski, Bishop O'Reilly; Daryl Dymond, Linda Overman, Dallas; Miralite Long, Lake-

Lehman; third row, Barbara Voelker, Robin Templin, Julie Durkin, Joan Otto, Dallas; Marge Podskoch, Bishop O'Reilly; fourth row, Joe Lynch, Bishop O'Reilly; Dan Albert, Dallas; Scott Sherwood, Lake-Lehman; Bill Fleming, Gene Fiorini, Dallas; fifth row, Larsen Orehtsky, Dallas; Doug Roberts, Wyoming Valley West; Jay Harris, Lake-Lehman; Bill Stusnick, Wyoming Valley West; Staffan Sjoberg, Sweden; Rotary exchange student. Tickets for the Saturday night concert are available either at the junior or senior high school or may be purchased at the door.



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