

# Another bank comes to Dallas

David L. Tressler, president and chief executive officer of Northeastern Bank of Pennsylvania, announced today plans for a new branch to be located off Route 309 on Upper Demunds Road at Hildebrand Road in Dallas

Township. Tressler stated population growth and business expansion has created a need for improved service and greater banking convenience in the Back Mountain area. The site is in the vicinity of Wilson's Restaurant

and the road to Dallas Jr. and Sr. High Schools.

The bank received word of the approval recently from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the State Department of Banking.

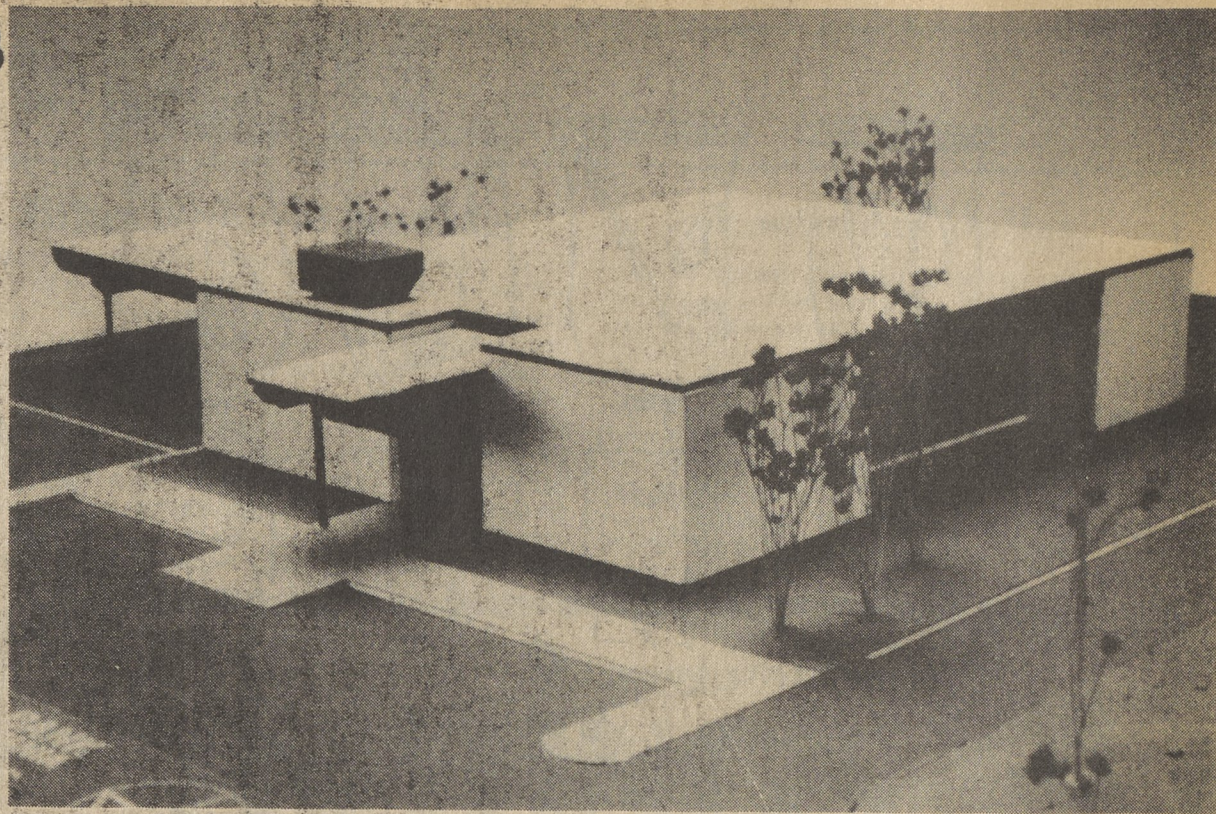
It is anticipated that the developer Humford Equities will have the building available for occupancy in late 1980. The building will be strategically located with access from Upper Demunds Road and Route 309.

The developer is also anticipating building a shopping center on the hill immediately north of the proposed branch site.

The architect on the project is Pyros and Sanderson.

Northeastern's proposed branch would become the third new banking installation to locate in the Dallas area in just over a year.

Wyoming National opened a new facility at the junction of Routes 118 and 415, Dallas, in mid-1979 and Hanover Bank of Pennsylvania opened its new Dallas facility just last week.



Proposed Northeastern Bank structure

## Legion urges flags for rescue tribute

A spokesman for the Harveys Lake American Legion Post this week urged all area residents to fly the American flag, where possible at half-staff, to honor the Americans killed in a recent rescue mission in Iran.

The Legion also asked that public buildings pay similar tribute to the servicemen who were killed in the rescue attempt.



NEW SECURITY OFFICER—Dallas School District's new security officer, Jerome Chismer, left, discusses scheduling with John Gabriel, supervisor of the district's buildings and grounds. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

# Dallas Schools hire security officer

by Charlot Denmon

Jerome Chismer is a first in the Dallas School District.

An experienced security officer with eight and one half years experience behind him, Chismer is the first security officer employed by the Dallas School District. The uniformed officer is trained and armed to assist in protecting school property against vandals.

After much investigation and evaluation, the district came to the decision that security personnel was the answer to reduce vandalism within the district.

With this in mind, administration officials applied for at least one security officer under CETA Title VI. The Dallas District is not the only school district interested in such a program and most are having difficulty finding personnel who meet the requirement.

According to Gerald Wycallis, supervisor in charge of curriculum, the district is fortunate in obtaining Chismer who has been trained in security work.

Chismer, a graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, Class of 1967, enlisted in the United States Army Reserves as a military

policeman for the required six years of duty.

He also attended Luzerne County Community College and graduated with an associate degree in business management.

He was a security officer one at Mansfield State College for two and a half years and also worked as a security guard for a private concern no longer in business.

In addition, Chismer has worked for several detective agencies over a period of years.

Presently, Chismer is enrolled in the police officers training course at Kings College. He has had considerable input of information from the local police chiefs within the district, Dallas Township Chief Carl Mjers, Dallas Borough Chief Ed Lyons and Kingston Twp. Chief Paul Sabol. They have gone over district buildings and property, scheduling and unusual situations to look for.

At present the school district is looking into the possibility of being allowed to use the police frequency for Chismer's two-way radio communication.

Most of Chismer's scheduling will be during the hours and days when

the buildings are normally vacant. His primary emphasis will be on the times when most vandalism has occurred in the past.

The security program is a one year project with the potential of being extended if successful. Chismer will work under the supervision of John Gabriel, supervisor of buildings and grounds.

Chismer applied for the security position at Dallas' and administration officials found that he met their requirements. The next step was to determine whether or not Chismer qualified through CETA.

Chismer and Dallas officials contacted CETA as to whether or not he qualified. It was learned that Chismer met the requirements of CETA so within two days he was accepted by the district and recommended to the board and approved at the April 14 meeting.

Chismer reported for work the next day and for the past two weeks he has been working as a security officer. He has met all the custodial personnel and key persons in each of the buildings. Chismer has become familiar with the scope of the district and is now on a regular schedule.

Engaged to be married and in the near future, Chismer enjoys deer and small game hunting. He also does a lot of fishing.

Target shooting is a favorite pastime of Chismer's, natural since he is a qualified expert with the M16 and 45 automatic. He also enjoys playing the guitar.

Chismer has traveled extensively throughout the United States from the north to the deep south and from the east to the west coast.

During his work as a security officer, Chismer will meet regularly with the local police departments to evaluate the vandalism in the school district.

Dallas district administration personnel are optimistic that the initiation of security, within the district will reduce the percentage of vandalism. They also are hopeful that security personnel will eventually be instrumental in the reduction of the district's insurance premiums.

The months ahead will tell as Chismer keeps close watch over the district property, properly trained, uniformed and armed for the responsibility.

## New school sticks to oil

Taxpayers in the Lake-Lehman School District will be getting a break of sorts this year from spiraling taxes; the proposed increase in rate will be up two mills instead of the four mills initially proposed.

The school board of directors last Tuesday adopted a tentative 1980-81 budget of \$5,507,917, which is ap-

proximately \$770,000 more than last year's total expenses.

The new financial package, passed by a vote of 5-3 with director P. Crockett absent, carries with it a modest two mill increase, bringing millage from 89 to 91. A proposed budget calling for a four mill increase was also presented, but went nowhere with six directors voting

# Lake-Lehman faces two-mill tax hike

"no".

The so-called "nuisance" taxes incorporated in the budget, to be formerly adopted on June 10, are as follows: per capita, \$10; earned income, one half percent; real estate transfer tax, one percent; occupational privilege tax, \$10; and mechanical devices tax, \$10.

The heftiest increase in the document understandably is in the instruction category which has been increased by approximately \$200,000 to a total of \$2,351,480. Other substantial increases occur in the operation and maintenance of the plant which is up \$115,000 over last year to \$660,516; fixed charges

are up about \$120,000 to \$525,329. That category includes such items as health insurance, workman's compensation, and the like.

It is anticipated transportation will cost the district about \$86,000 more next year, up to a \$553,098 outlay for next term. Community services were raised to \$7,050 from \$3,666.

Debt service will cost the district \$92,000 more next fiscal year, bringing the total to \$553,200. Inter-system payments category shows a noticeable \$55,000 increase for next term.

For the second consecutive year, there is nothing budgeted for the food service category. There is a \$53,000 reserve in this budget not present in the past three. Administration category is up \$11,000 to \$190,923 in the proposed financial blueprint.

It should be noted that the "two mill budget" includes carrying over this year's \$339,566 general fund balance. Gilbert Tough acknowledged Ray Bowersox, business manager, was able to accumulate \$70,000 in short term interest this year.

Bowersox did not appear to be in favor of this new budget which does not include a final fund balance as did the current and previous ones.

Bowersox said he believes in ending with a fund balance as a sort of cushion to be "protected from the unknown." He cautioned the directors that the probability of the new budget ending with a fund balance is "very slim."

Lake-Lehman school district is attempting to adopt its budgets sooner than the June 30 deadline because "the quicker the taxes go out in the mail, the quicker they are received and can be invested."

The proposed budget is on display in the office of the business manager and is expected to be adopted at the June 10 meeting of the board, according to president Angelo DeCesaris.

In other action brought before the board, Superintendent Dr. David Prston was approved to apply for a \$3,000 nutrition grant.

School architect, Doug Trumbower, prepared a lengthy presentation dealing with the fuel costs for the new elementary school. He concluded the preferred fuel as of now, is oil. According to the architect, fuel oil would cost \$44,749 annually; coal, \$49,575 per year; propane, \$50,744; natural gas, \$50,494; electric, \$58,200. Also touched on were solar, geothermal, and wood, all of which have drawbacks.

# Inflation fight interrupts Jackson Twp's grant

President Jimmy Carter, faced with double digit inflation, has had to make cuts in national spending. And his actions hit home Monday night when Jackson Township residents learned that funding for a 10-acre community recreation area and money for a sewage planning study grant were discontinued "for the time being."

The recent anti-inflationary moves taken by the president figured prominently into business discussed at the May 5 meeting of the Jackson Township board of supervisors.

According to Jackson Township General Municipal Authority chairman, Charles Davenport, the president has temporarily frozen millions of Environmental Protection Agency dollars in an attempt to curb runaway inflation.

Solicitor Blythe Evans, Jr., read correspondence from the Department of Community Affairs, which supported Davenport's contention. The letter stated that "local, state, and federal land and conservation funds have been 'impounded' until September, under orders from President Carter."

The president's decision to discontinue funding for acquisition and development of land and conservation projects carries with it consequences at the local level in the township. Solicitor Evans told the group that the grant for the proposed 10-acre recreation area has

been "rescinded" by the local Bureau of Recreation and Dept. of Community Affairs on orders from the state and national government.

This application grant along with other existing applications from other municipalities around the country will be reviewed in September, according to reports at the meeting.

Davenport extended a personal invitation to the supervisors to attend the authority's Monday, May 12, meeting. He then told the gathering, "Jimmy Carter has shut down our (authority's) funding". He continued he is afraid of what will become of the application for an \$80,000 sewer planning study grant submitted by the sewer authority, as the cutbacks include holding back of millions of dollars for projects under EPA.

The board unanimously approved the following requests from the municipal authority: supervisors will release a full budget to the authority; they reappointed Robert Allardyce to another full term; they accepted resignation of Andy Sholtis and appointed Joseph Shaughnessey to the authority.

The authority is composed of Davenport, chairman; Dr. Pat DeGennaro, vice-chairman; Louis Harris, secretary-treasurer; Dick Kendler; Allardyce; Charles Flack, Jr.; and Shaughnessey.

The board will send an application to PennDOT to secure its permission to use more than the

allotted 25 percent of liquid fuels money for construction of new roadways in the township. The townsmen wish to install a paved blacktop road beginning at Chase Road running 1,300 feet up Mountain Road. Bids for the project will be opened at the June meeting.

Police Chief Don Jones submitted the April police report announcing three arrests were made; one accident occurred; and 36 complaints answered. A spectator then told the board that under the second class township code, the roadmaster is required to appear at each meeting and present a report.

There followed some confusion on the part of some members of the audience of the reorganization meeting. It was revealed Jackson Township has both a roadmaster, Jack Bombick, and a road foreman, Charles Cigarski, who is also a supervisor working part time on the roads. Bombick works five days a week, eight hours a day and Supervisor Zincauge assured the questioner that the roadmaster is indeed doing his work as specified.

From the audience a resident complained of sewage run-off from a trailer located on Old Jackson Road off Smith's Pond Road. It was claimed at the public meeting that the owner's daughter resides in the trailer under discussion.

Zoning Officer Culp reported he lodged a complaint against this alleged sewage violation five months ago at the office of District Justice Leonard Harvey.

Solicitor Blythe Evans, Jr., told the spectator who is affected by the violation, that if the zoning officer lodged the complaint the magistrate has the duty under the law to decide the case, but Harvey should have acted on it by now, especially in view of the fact the appeal period may have gone by.

However, Evans added, it may be that the owner's health figured into the delay as "no judge is going to bring to court a heart attack patient

for a hearing." The complainant disavowed the claim of ill health on the part of the owner. It was stated by an official that the owner was recently hospitalized in the intensive care unit for a cardiac condition.

Evans told the citizen in the audience that while the matter is in the hands of Justice Harvey, it has been there too long (5 months).

Zoning Officer Culp also agreed with the complainant that the situation is a "shame" and he will contact Harvey and Atty. Geddes, solicitor of the zoning board in an effort to resolve the problem. Supervisor Hazeltine added he would like a report on the matter from Leonard Harvey. Key figures in the dilemma will meet with Hazeltine on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

# Sweet Valley presents Vicksburgs

The Sweet Valley Fire Company Parade Planning Committee has announced that the "Vicksburg Quartet" will perform at the fair grounds, Ross Elementary School, Main Road, Sweet Valley on Friday, May 23, at 7 p.m.

The quartet is one of America's top gospel and country music groups stars of radio, stage and TV coast-to-coast.

The group has been billed with Freddie Fender, the Oak Ridge Boys, Tammy Wynette, Statler Brothers, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Myron Floren, to name a few.

Among their credits are 275 personal appearances each year for political rallies, conventions, associations, fire companies, carnivals and civic groups of all kinds throughout the United States, as well as in the major cities of Europe.

The Sweet Valley Fire Company Memorial Day Weekend Fair will be held on May 23, 24 and 26. All entertainment, parking, and

admission is free.

The fire company is still accepting requests for "lots" at the fair grounds, Ross Elementary School, Main Road, Sweet Valley for the Memorial Day Weekend Fair.

Anyone wishing to enter "lots" of games of skill only, and others wishing to display merchandise or "sell it," must contact Robert Walsh, 477-5239, as soon as possible.

The parade committee cannot accept "food concessions," due to the fact that the fire company supplies all foods.

The company also asks the communities help in supplying items for the white elephant and baked goods stands. Items needed to be sold at the white elephant include old, but new records, dishes, glassware, craft items, knick knacks, vases, needlework, jewelry, paperbacks, plants, etc. No clothing, please.

Those desiring to contribute may bring them directly to the Fair Grounds on the 23, 24 or 26.



Vicksburg Quartet

Special offer

...p. 12