



TROOP 641 INVESTITURE—Lehman Brownie Troop 641 held its investiture ceremony, Oct. 15, at Lehman-Jackson School. Charlene Cook, leader, and Judy Gunn, assistant, presided over the ceremony. Participants in the ceremony were front row, left to right, Rose Ann Langdon, Trudy Wandel, April Stull, Jennifer Gabel, Cathy Gunn, Cheryl L. Gunn, Andrea Bunney; second row, Margaret Langdon, Jennifer Cook, Maggie Price, Stephanie Stull, Ainsley Rolands, Kathy Bigus, Milissa Larkins; back row, Charlene Cook, leader; and Judy Gunn, assistant. Absent, Lori Recek. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Dallas Twp. seeks alternative

Dallas Township Board of Supervisors will look into the possibility of joining the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Workmens Insurance. The spiraling cost of regular Workmens Compensation has driven small communities to seek other means to comply with state regulations which make it mandatory to carry workmens' insurance.

An annual Workmens Compensation premium of \$15,000 has made the possibility of a Pennsylvania alternative very appealing. Increasing inflation means another hike in the 1980 premium. The state association will be thoroughly investigated before any final decisions are made by the Dallas board. Application for detailed information has been made.

According to chairman Phil Walter, two of the five mills paid by township taxpayers goes toward Workmens Compensation and other insurances.

A public hearing will be held for disbursement of revenue sharing even though there will be no more dollars to expand the township

treasury. According to Secretary Glen Howell, a hearing must be held.

The federally-funded program will cease in 1981 but the township has been on the receiving end of the handout since its inception. The meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 3, which is also the rescheduled regular monthly meeting of the board.

A special session has been set up for the preparation of the 1981 budget. The supervisors will gather with their Solicitor Frank Townend on Nov. 11. The proposed budget will then be on public display for 30 days until it meets with final approval in mid-December.

Dallas Township is still trying to adjust the number of housing units in the 1980 census. According to township figures there are 2492 but census figures are 2417. Solicitor Townend will contact the bureau in Philadelphia to try and correct the error. This could mean an additional 200 people in the final count. Figures play an important part in applications and eligibility for state and federal grants.

Residents again were requested by the supervisors to refrain from burning leaves in the gutters or on the macadam surfaces. Heat destroys the asphalt paving which is very expensive to replace. There are laws regulating burning in the Township residents are requested by the board to comply with the laws regulating burning.

David Palmentera, representing the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, was at the planning commission meeting to explain why there is a trailer parked on the church property on Hildebrandt Rd. Meyer, a traveling overseer, is presenting visiting the 21 congregations in the Dallas area. He will spend a year or possibly two in the area and works from his travel trailer.

The commission stated that a formal application for a trailer variance would have to be made. There have been inquiries about the trailer being parked on the church grounds. Palmentera obtained an application and it will be submitted at the Nov. meeting.

Cockleburrs and Corn

by Dick Swank
Pennsylvania Press Bureau

A few months before the big fiasco in the Pennsylvania Lottery we were the thrilled recipients of a release from the Department of Revenue telling us of the all-time high record of nearly \$9.5 million in ticket sales for the week ending May 13. Secretary Cohen at that time bragged of the "...well conceived, well executed advertising campaign...as a result of which we are justifiably proud...record sales mean that about \$3.4 million will go to senior citizens, directly and through various programs supported by proceeds of the Pennsylvania Lottery."

In a news story appearing in the Wall Street Journal about the same time, it was noted that gamblers in the casinos of Atlantic City included a class that claimed it found solace from all the harsh things going on in the world such as lack of em-

ployment and the spiraling cost of living. One woman jerking the handle of a slot machine told the reporter she "gambles" because things are so rotten in the world you have to do something to build up your morale."

Mr. Cohen and the playful housewife have much in common: they philosophize the throwing of good money after bad with noble purposes. I wish I could think of who first said, "Gambling sponsored by the state is nothing more than a poor man's tax."

For fifty miles of Interstate 80 I grumbled and groaned as one-way traffic hindered my hurtling across Pennsylvania—even at 55 miles per hour. I have no energy left to hunt out the statistics on how much that particular highway cost to build. Or, more importantly, why it has to be rebuilt after only about ten years, and at what astronomical figures.

The Rockville Bridge, like the Brooklyn Bridge, has stood the pounding of ever increased weights of railroad engines and cars, for over a hundred years and is as steady now as it was when those early stones were put in place. I imagine if the old Pennsylvania Canal had not been destroyed for highways and the future we are now enjoying, it would remain capable of containing canal boats and water. While the bridges across the deep ravines of the upper tier counties soar, the overall effect is dimmed by the deterioration of the paving.

It was explained to me by one sympathizer of the builders that trucks have crumbled it. Were the builders so blind they had never heard of trucks, even worse, never calculated that our liberal legislative bodies would continue to allow weight limits to rise in cyclic patterns?

Manhattan club to meet Sunday Oct. 26

The Manhattan Club will hold their regular monthly meeting Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3:30 p.m. at their clubrooms. Plans will be formulated for their 23rd Thanksgiving Eve Dinner-Dance which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 26,

at Shanky's Cafe, Hughes Street, Swoyersville.

Music for dancing will be provided by the Henry Charles Orchestra. General chairman is President Steve "Cooksie" Adams. He will be assisted by Al O'Donnell,

Bob Worlinsky, John Delescavage, Cotton Thomas Tomascovic, Al Lopuhovsky.

Adams will preside at the meeting. He asks that all members attend.

Hose Co. plans Halloween dance

The Maltby Hose Company will hold their Annual Halloween Dance on Saturday evening, Nov. 1 at the Hose Huse on Owen Street,

Swoyersville. The Universals will furnish music for dancing and singing.

Co-chairmen of the affair are

Bert Greco and Joe Randazzo. President of the Company is Michael Sentigar.

Alcohol, Methanol, and other fuels

by Howard J. Grossman

A wide array of terms had fallen upon the American scene as a result of the energy crisis and the passage of new legislation to stimulate energy production. Alcohol, Methanol, Ethanol, and many other similar fuels dominate much of the energy and fuel discussion throughout the country and throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Projects which even two years ago would not have been dreamed of are being planned, programmed, funded, developed and implemented as a result of priority being given to energy development through the passage of the Synthetic Fuels Act of 1980, and the Windfall Profits Tax of 1978. Guarantees, loan guarantees, purchase agreements, development financing, cooperative agreements, feasibility studies, and other terms are used to describe techniques which the Federal government has adopted to encourage energy production in the United States.

Some of the projects planned or underway in the Pocono Northeast include a Large-Scale Open Pit

Strip Mining Project proposed for Schuylkill County to tap the anthracite coal resources and to construct twin 600 megawatt fossil fuel fired generating station facilities, a Large-Scale Corn to Ethanol Project proposed in Luzerne County which would establish a 45 million

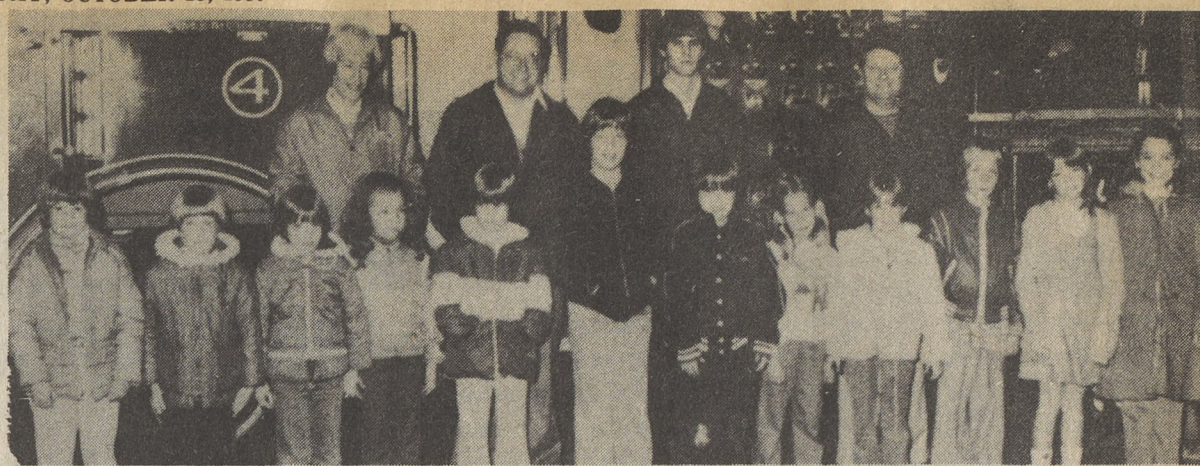
gallon capacity Ethanol production facility, a proposed Large-Scale energy project undergoing a feasibility study as a result of a major federal grant several months ago to a Lackawanna County Corporation to study the feasibility of constructing such a facility in

Luzerne County, a proposed Ethanol production facility involving paper waste and other materials being considered for funding for feasibility purposes by the U.S. Department of Energy, and much more.

All of these facilities have as their basis the development of energy resources unparalleled in the history of this region. Billions of dollars are now available at the Federal level to help stimulate the production of

these facilities. Tax incentives are available for the purpose of encouraging private sector investment and sponsorship of energy development projects spawned by the synfuel legislation and others under which such facilities can be constructed.

It is important to note, however, that the Federal government is primarily interested in both the short and long-term commercialization of energy projects. Some of these projects may prove to be unfeasible, yet deserve careful analysis and study in order to determine which course of action is appropriate. Public sector dollars used to stimulate private sector investment is a technique which has been encouraged in recent years in terms of economic development, community conservation, urban revitalization, and other worthy objectives. In energy terms, it is a desirable course for action in order to help provide protection against overuse of foreign oil and other energy resources for which we have become too dependent in recent years.



FIRE SAFETY—Brownie Troop 636, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, had a demonstration on fire safety at last week's meeting. Members of Dallas Fire and Ambulance presented a film and demonstrated the fire equipment to the Brownies. First row, left to right are Emily Russin, Lisa Ford, Sue Cuff, Kristi Marsala, Terri Rittenhouse, Tracey Rittenhouse, Megan Sheehan, Ginger Williams, Cathy Stine, Karri Dodson, Tracey Young, Jennifer Besecker; second row, Susie Stine, Bob Besecker, Brett Slocum, and Bill Shaffer. (Photo by Mark Moran)

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Heinz Pork & Beans 16 Oz. Can 3/89¢	Wisk Liquid Detergent 128 Oz. Bottle \$5.69	Ajax Dish Detergent 22 Oz. Jar 89¢	Dawn Liquid Detergent 48 Oz. Bottle \$1.99
Campbell's Tomato Soup 14 1/2 Oz. Can 4/\$1	Duracell Batteries D & C - 2 Pk. \$1.49	Duracell Batteries 9 Volt - 1 Pk. \$1.49	Duracell Batteries AA - 1 Pk. \$2.19
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Maxim Freeze Dried Coffee 8 Oz. Jar \$4.89	Sanka Instant Coffee 8 Oz. Jar \$4.59	Coca-Cola Tab & Sprite 2 Liter Bottle 99¢	Ragu Spaghetti Sauce 32 Oz. Jar \$1.19
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