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UNICO Tourney at Dallas

The UNICO Holiday Basketball Tournament, the first in the Back Mountain will continue Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Dallas High School, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door. Awards will be presented following the title game.

Chairman of the affair is Tom Danna. Honorary chairmen include the club's charter president Angelo Russo and current president George DeStefano. Carl Scarantino is program chairman. Ticket chairman is William Falzone.

In charge of refreshments are Joe Pagliante, Ed Fanti and Dan Scalzo.

Record budget for Franklin

BY MIKE POLK

A record budget of \$117,207 for 1982 was adopted on first reading at the December meeting of Franklin Township board of supervisors.

Supervisors Harold Hoover and Russell Race, Sr. voted to adopt the budget as read, while Board Chairman William Meade abstained. Meade also announced his resignation as a member of the board in a letter read at the meeting.

Despite the record setting budget, Franklin Township supervisors for the third time in less than 18 months will resort to borrowing to meet the proposed expenditures for 1982. Early this year the board borrowed \$10,000 from the First National Bank in Wyoming to complete payment for work done on the Franklin Township Municipal Park and for improvements to Lockville Road. Two months ago, the board borrowed \$5,500 to meet payment on a second hand loader purchased from Bradco Supply Company.

The proposed budget calls for these expenditures: general government, \$23,918, which includes salaries of the three supervisors of \$300 each for the year; secretary's salary of \$2,860; solicitor's fees among other items; protection to persons and property, which will include some donations to the township's volunteer fire and ambulance units and salary and travel expense for the township police chief. The police chief's salary was increased an additional nine percent for 1982, as were salaries of the three road department employees. Outlay for protection to persons and property for 1982 is anticipated to be \$10,559, a new high.

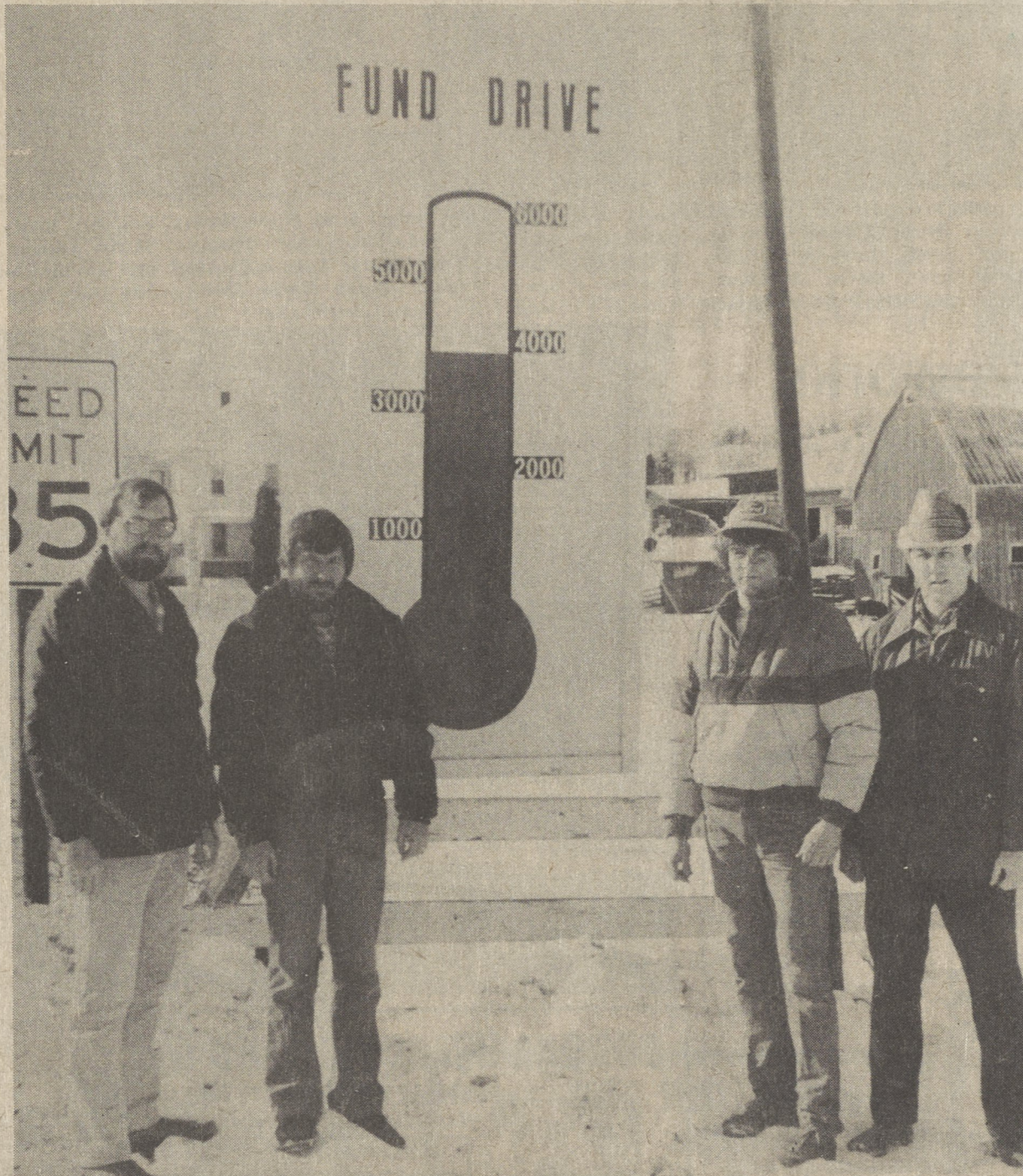
Other anticipated expenses include \$73,890 for 'highways,' which includes \$30,000 for the resurfacing of eight-tenths of a mile of Village Road, the road that runs from the village of Orange north to Reich's farm. The figure for highways also includes a proposed salary increase of nine percent for the road supervisor and two road department employees.

Other anticipated expenses include \$140 for donation to the Back Mountain Library; \$550 for expenses at the municipal park, and \$8,150 for debt service.

The proposed budget calls for a continuance of the eight mill tax levy, which was increased in January from the previous six mill levy; continuation of the per capita tax; the real estate transfer tax and the one percent earned income tax on all wage earners in the township.

The eight mill levy on a real estate valuation of \$2,468,670, up more than \$100,00 over the 1981 figure, is expected to yield \$17,700.

The proposed budget is open for inspection by appointment at the home of Supervisor and Board Secretary Harold Hoover in Orange. Final adoption of the proposed budget will take place at a special meeting of the supervisors to be held Wednesday evening, December 30, at 8 in the basement of the Orange UM Church.



"HELP US HELP YOU"—The Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department's annual fund drive is currently in progress. Pictured above is 1982 Chairman Francis Manzoni, Jr. with committee members Bob Bohlander, Rollie Evans, Manzoni and Paul Malak. Since the fund drive represents the firemen's single

largest fund raising event, all residents are urged to give their share. "Only if total participation by all residents is realized can we achieve our goal in providing the necessary services," Manzoni said. Donation can be mailed to Box 353-D, RD 5, Shavertown, Pa. 18708

Rt. 309 service station gets new face lift

BY GLEN HOFFMAN

A local business man is turning an old and vacant service station on Memorial Highway in Trucksville into a new commercial center.

"My family and I, along with Earl Lozier Construction Co., Dallas, have been restoring this old three bay gas station since last summer," said Russell Newell of Dallas.

New carpeting has been lain where once were three hydraulic lifts. Office pictures now hang where there was once wrenches and screwdrivers. Groceries will soon line the shelves, replacing oil cans, radiator hoses and fan belts of the past.

"When the building is completely renovated it will feature four office rooms, a convenience store and a small gas and diesel station," said Newell, who has been in business

the last 23 years. "The building will also contain an office for my heating and air conditioning company."

The conversion of old gas stations to convenient grocery stores with self-service gas is a trend that has been in motion across the country for years. But Newell's is one of the first in the Back Mountain, and with the addition of office space and an apartment his complex is unique. "There is plenty of space in this old gas station so it only seems like a natural idea to create office rooms," said Newell.

The newly renovated building is the former Hinkle's service station, which closed two years ago when owner Don Hinkle, retired.

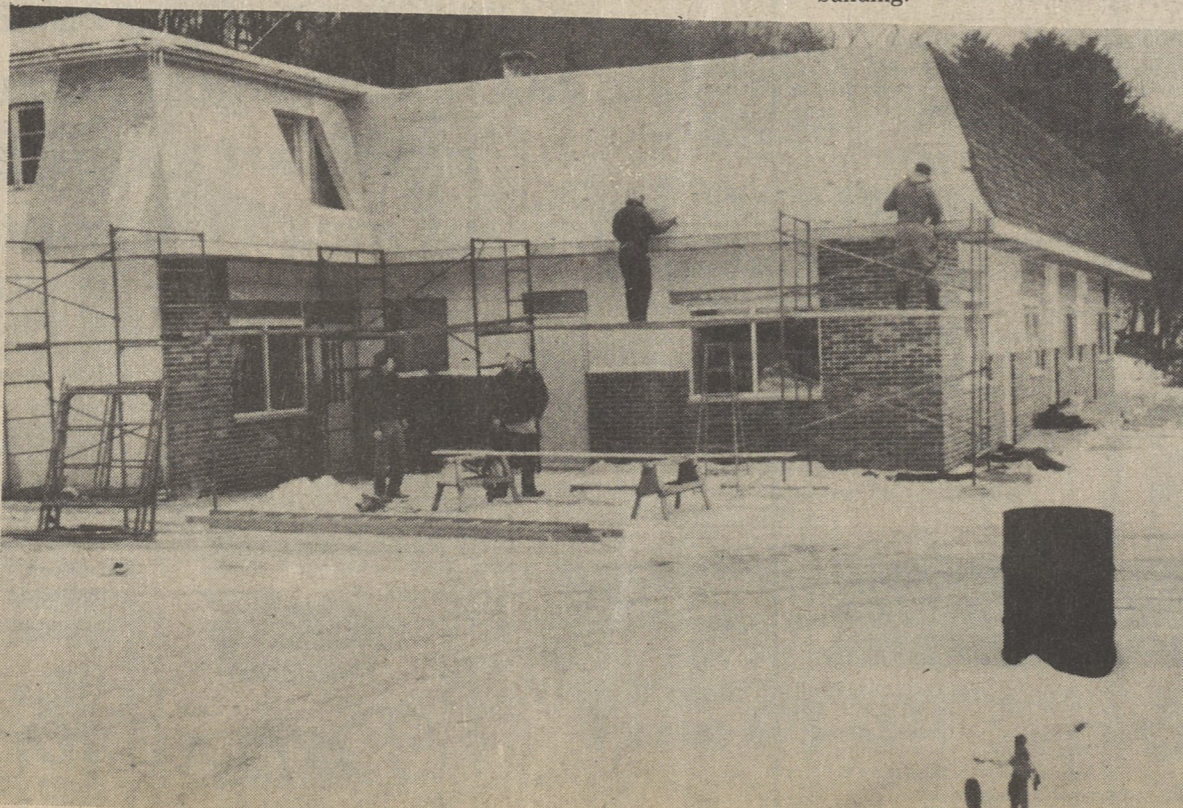
The combination convenience store and gas station will bring a vital service to the residents of the

Back Mountain by staying open long hours, and being one of the few area stations selling diesel fuel and white kerosene, said Newell.

"The closest diesel fuel stations in this area are the Beaumont station near Kunkle, and in Luzerne," said Edward Carey, service and credit manager of newell's Heating Co. "We should be opened for business within two months."

Concerning vehicle access to Newell's parking lot Carey pointed out that the Kingston Twp. Police will keep the 45 mile per hour speed limit enforced. "This will make it easy for cars to pull in and out of the parking lot," he said.

Carey said the community has welcomed the renovation. Kingston Twp. Manager Mark Kunkle sent a letter of commendation to Russell Newell for renovating the old building.



Russell Newell's business complex, which is 80 percent completed, will feature a diesel fuel station, a convenience store and four offices. Newell expects to be

open for business within two months. He is shown at far left, along with the crew of Lozier Construction Co.

Head-on collision hospitalizes two

A head-on collision early Christmas eve on Upper Demunds Road sent Dallas residents Thomas Gallagher, 33 Lake St., and Christopher Argento, RD 1 to the hospital.

Dallas Township police reported that the accident occurred shortly after midnight near Glenda Lough Lake when the two cars collided

head-on. The motor of one of the vehicles was knocked from the engine.

Argento was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where he was listed in serious condition. Gallagher was listed in fair condition at General Hospital. Officer John Appel of Dallas Township is investigating.

Four injured in 3-car pile-up at Park

Four persons were injured in a collision involving three vehicles last Thursday afternoon at Carverton Road near Frances Slocum State Park.

Kingston Twp. Police said the accident occurred when Louis Steinhauer of Harveys Lake crossed the center line and struck an auto driven by Dana Sickler, 81,

of RD 3, Wyoming. His wife, Florence, 76, was a passenger. The Sickler car went off the road. Steinhauer's auto continued on the wrong side of the road and collided with an auto driven by Paulette Albosta, Parrish Street, Dallas. All were treated at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Harveys Lake man in hit-and-run

A Harveys Lake man, Lawrence Lee Moretti, 23, was charged with hit-and-run last Wednesday evening in Luzerne. He was stopped in Swoyersville where he is to be further charged with driving with an expired registration. The in-

cident occurred on Kelly Street, Luzerne, when Moretti's Jeep allegedly struck the rear of an automobile being operated by Carol Edlund of Swoyersville. No injuries were reported.

Harris home at Lake 'Best lighted display'

Judges in the Back Mountain Holiday Decoration Contest this week announced the winners of the annual event. The contest is sponsored by The Dallas Post in cooperation with seven other sponsors, Commonwealth Telephone Company, Offset Paper-back Mfgs. Inc., Spurlin's Exxon Servicenters, Parker Fuel Co., Dallas Auto Parts, The Jean Shop and Carvel Ice Cream.

The judges toured the Back Mountain during the past week, including Kingston Township, Carverton Area, Midway Manor, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Harveys Lake, Lehman, Franklin and Jackson Townships.

"It was difficult to come to a decision on which was the best display in the lighted category. We went over the top five selections

several times before making a final selection," said Ed Chesnovitch, chairman of the judges.

"There were no entries in the unlighted division, so we selected a first and second place winner in the lighted division."

"The best lighted display in the opinion of the judges was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Harris, Old Lake Road, Harveys Lake.

"The second best lighted display is at the home of William J. Farrell, 71 Sterling Ave., Dallas, Pa."

In addition to the winners of the contest, certificates of honorable mention will be awarded to Katherine Hudak, Ralph Fitch, Jr., and Merle Pope.

Judges in this year's contest were Ed Chesnovitch, Debbie Zurinski and Mark Zurinski.

Post watching for New Year's Baby

The Dallas Post in cooperation with four Back Mountain merchants will make 1982 a "Happy New Year" for the "first" Back Mountain baby born after midnight in an area hospital.

Free gifts to the "First Baby" will be given by Carvel Ice Cream, The Jean Shop, Picketts Charge and Stapinski Drug Store. The Dallas Post will give a one year subscription to the paper to the parents of the first born.

In order to be eligible for the "First Baby of 1982" contest,

parents of the newborn must reside in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Lake Township, Kingston Township, Jackson Township, Harveys Lake Borough, Lehman Township or Noxen.

Parents of the "First Baby" will be notified by a representative of The Dallas Post immediately after Jan. 1, 1982. A certificate will be given to the parents to present to sponsoring merchants. All gifts must be claimed no later than Jan. 31, 1982.

Kingston Twp. Police reports

Christine Ann Mrochko of RD 5, Chase Manor, Shavertown, was operating her 1978 sportscar west on Carverton Road when she hit a patch of ice and spun off the road way Christmas eve.

Mrochko skidded onto the property of the Park Motel, Trucksville, and struck an unat-

tended vehicle. Police Sgt. William Pugh is investigating the accident.

William Bell of 120 Lincoln Drive, Shavertown, reported to the Kingston Twp. police the theft of \$600 from his home between December 13 to 20. Ptlm. Brunon Kryger is investigating.

In Memory of the Driver Who
Drank & Drove New Year's Eve