

# Back Country Briefs

Franklin Township's road department employees will get seven paid holidays in 1983, according to a resolution adopted at last week's reorganization meeting of the Franklin Township board of supervisors. Paid holidays will include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Easter, July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Road department payroll for the month of December, for Franklin Township road employees was approved as follows, Willard Race, 176 regular hours and nine overtime hours; Russell Race, Sr., 28 hours; David Rought,

175 hours. Russell Race, Sr. is employed on an 'as needed' basis, usually as equipment operator. Both Willard Race and his father, Russell Race, Sr., are members of the board of supervisors of Franklin Township.

Willard Race's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sandra L. Race of Orange, is Franklin Township's secretary-treasurer. In addition to her \$238 monthly salary for December, Franklin Township board of supervisors approved payment for 46 miles of travel for her on township business during December at a rate of 27 cents per mile.

At the December meeting of Franklin Township's supervisors, William Perry of Sutton Creek requested and was told by Board Chairman Russell Race that the road department would do nothing concerning a change allegedly made by the road department in the base for Flat Rock Road, which marks the westerly side of Perry's property. Perry at the regular December meeting of the board complained of an alleged change by the road department which forces snow clearing against his farm fence, causing damage.

Supervisors at last week's meeting also listened to a complaint by Rev. Don Hartshorn

regarding drainage of water on his property on Municipal Road, below the township's recreation park. Board Supervisors Russell and Willard Race were to meet Tuesday morning, Jan. 4, at 8 at the Hartshorn property to look into some way to alleviate the complaint. Rev. Hartshorn said he is planning to sell the property but the drainage problem was cited as a drawback, hence the request for some correction.

Friends of Mrs. Marian Brace, of Orange, will be glad to learn she is coming along nicely with therapy at the Leader West Nursing Home in Kingston. She spent Christmas day with her family and two sisters-in-

law in Wyoming, and followed this up with dinner at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brace, of Orange, before returning to the Nursing Home.

Linda Brace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brace of Orange, will return on Monday to continue studies at Bloomsburg State College for her degree in business administration, after spending the semester break with her parents. Linda, a senior, will graduate in late May.

At Centermoreland, members of Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church, marked the formal dedication of a school building, located to the rear of the church,

following the 10:30 mass Sunday morning with Rev. John Foley, pastor, and Lawrence Kalnoskas, Sr., in charge of the dedication. The addition is being used for Sunday School and catechism classes.

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) continues its meetings Wednesday mornings at 10 in the United Methodist Church parsonage in Centermoreland. Area women have been invited to attend the sessions and learn a sensible program to reduce. Mrs. Mary Martin of Centermoreland is the leader of the Centermoreland group and urges Back Country residents to attend the sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey

Townsend and sons, David and Scott, and Jeff's mother, Mrs. C.B. Townsend of Orange, have returned after visiting the latter's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Inman and family of Appalachian, N.Y.

Rev. William Reid, United Methodist district superintendent, will be the guest speaker at services Sunday morning in the three United Methodist Churches of the Carverton UM Charge - Carverton at 9; Orange at 10, and at Mount Zion, 11. Rev. Reid is a former pastor of the Carverton UM Charge.

Mrs. John (Betty) Cawley, of East Dallas, was a patient at presstime

in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where she had undergone surgery sometime ago.

"The cookies are coming!" That was the word received at presstime from Mrs. Ama DeGraw, girl scout leader at Centermoreland. The scouts - all three troops - will begin solicitation of orders Jan. 29 and hope to do as well as they did last year when members of the three troop sold more than 2,000 boxes of the

goodies. These troops and their leaders will solicit orders for the cookies, Cadettes, Mrs. Sharon Dixon, leader; Juniors, Mrs. Ama DeGraw, leader; brownies, Mrs. Emily Considine, leader.

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## Franklin Township reorganization held

Franklin Township supervisors held their 1983 reorganization meeting Jan. 3 in the basement of the Orange United Methodist Church and elected as officers, chairman, Willard Race; vice-chairman, Joseph Stankus. Russell Race, Sr. is the third member of the board.

In other township related matters, supervisors reappointed Mrs. Sandra Race, of Orange, as secretary-treasurer at a salary of \$3,117.40; re-named Richard Bartholomew as a part-time township police chief at a salary of \$3,900 per annum. Mrs. Race also will receive telephone expense at her home and travel

expense at the rate of 27 cents per mile for the use of her car on township matters. Police Chief Bartholomew also will be compensated at the rate of 27 cents per mile for the use of his car on township police matters.

Board Chairman Willard Race also was named township roadmaster and his salary, as well as other township employees, was increased by nine percent for 1983. Salary rates for road department employees were set as follows: truck driver, \$6.25 per hour; laborers, \$5 per hour; and salary of equipment operator usually handled by Russell Race, Sr., a member of the board of

supervisors, was to be set by the township's board of auditors.

Bond of Mrs. Sandra L. Race, township secretary-treasurer, was set at \$35,000. Attorney John E. Morris III was re-named township solicitor and his retainer fee was set at \$400. Attorney Joseph Van Jura was re-named solicitor for the Franklin Township zoning commission. Michael Polk of Orange was re-named to the vacancy on the board.

Other Franklin Township commission appointments made were planning commission, Edward Dorrance, Jr. to a six year term that will expire at the end of 1988. He joins planning commission members

Richard Love, whose term expires in 1984; Larry Brace, 1985; Don Searfoss, 1986; Edward Dorrance, Sr., 1987. Named to the township recreation commission were Michael Prokopchak and Joseph Miller. Their terms will expire in 1988.

Supervisors re-named the First National Bank of Wyoming as depository for township funds. Board also set the sum of 27 cents per mile for township employees' use of their private cars on township business; set the fees of township sewer enforcement officer Joseph Baldwin of Centermoreland at one-half of the \$120 for a new sewer-soil inspection, and \$60 for

## PTA selects theme for arts contest

Lehman-Jackson Elementary PTA recently participated in the National PTA "Acts and Reflections Contest." The theme, "Life in these United States," was selected by delegates voting at the National PTA Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee, last summer.

Purpose for this project is to encourage creative expression among the children in the form of visual arts, literature and music; encourage children to view their world realistically, express their beliefs and portray their emotions in a tangible way; emphasize value of cultural arts in the school and recognize these as useful tools for everyday living.

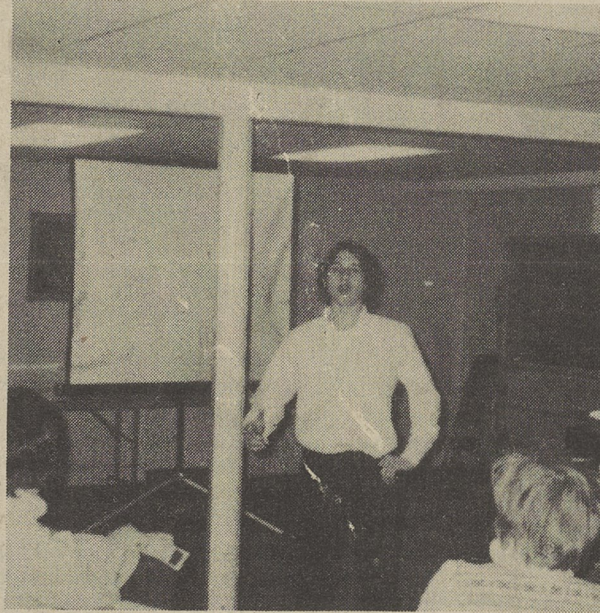
Each local PTA unit is allowed nine entries if school enrollment is over 500. Units are allowed one extra entry per 100 students over 500 enrollment.

Local PTA units send their winning entries to their district level. Winners are judged and these entered on the state level. Each entrant in the

state competition will receive a certificate of appreciation from the state PTA. The 15 top winners will compete in the national contest.

Judging will be based on evidence of creative ability and expression of the theme into primary, intermediate and one special education categories. Students from the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School chosen to enter the district contest are Phillip Gallagher, special education; Erin Hughes, 1-A; Timmy Narcorik, 2-A; Jennifer Cole, 2-C; Susan Letoski, 3-B; Sherry Hoover, 3-C; P.J. Bruno, 4-A; Megan Lukasavage, 4-C; Ron Edwards, 5-A; Shawn Clark, 6-A; and Cindy Gensel, 6-A.

Judges were Amy Garinger and Janeen Borelli, art majors at College Misericordia. Bonnie Naugle and Mary Alice Lukasavage were co-chairman.



FAREWELL-Local chapter American Field Service held a farewell for Erez Morag, exchange student from Israel, at their meeting, Jan. 3. Erez showed a slide presentation, followed by a question and answer period and refreshments. Erez will return to Israel so that he can fulfill his military requirements. Above, Erez is shown being presented with a jacket by members of the Dallas Mothers Club. (Joan Kingsbury Photo)

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