

Back Mountain News Briefs

Republican dominated Council at Harveys Lake has voted to give up the idea of a tax-anticipation loan and the \$25 garbage sticker fee. Council met in a special session last week with Margaret Purcell presiding due to the absence of president Frank Coulton.

Also discussed were amendments to the 1983 budget which included elimination of a number of expenses. Proposed budget cuts involve the purchase of a new cruiser, \$10,000; administration expenses, \$300; engineer's salary, \$300; engineer's expenses, \$1,000; codification of borough records, \$2,300; construction and rebuilding for road department, \$11,000 construction supplies and equipment, \$4,000 and \$1,500 for supplies for garbage sticker program.

Dallas Township supervisors plan to invite Meadows Senior Citizen complex planners to a meeting, March 15 at 7 p.m. Purpose of the meeting is to correct a misunderstanding on the use of the fire safety pond constructed at the Meadows. Ecumenical Enterprises Inc., which is constructing the complex has reportedly offered the Township a 25-year lease on the pond for use in fire emergency. Township fathers are looking for a more lasting agreement with EEI, as they believe their financial investment in the project to be too great to span only 25 years. Sol Lubin and Ray Condo of EEI, and Thomas Doughton of Smith Miller Associates will be invited.

A hearing has been set for Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. before District Justice Leonard Harvey on charges of harassment leveled against Jackson Township patrolman Bert Balliet. Charges were brought by Township resident Robert Hagenbach following an incident which took place after the January supervisors meeting.

District Justice Leonard Harvey will soon hear his first drunk driving case since the Jan. 14 mandated sentencing law took effect. Harvey will hear charges of underage drinking, drunk driving and disorderly conduct brought against 20-year-old Alan Peterson, 90 Main St., Dallas.

The charges were filed after Peterson's auto reportedly struck a telephone pole on Lake Street at 1:22 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30. Dallas police officer Severn Newberry filed the affidavit with Harvey. He said Peterson was glassy-eyed and staggering. Peterson said the car's steering mechanism failed.

Edsel Allen Salsman, RD 2, Laceyville has waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of theft by unlawful taking and theft of services, before District Justice Earl Gregory, Shavertown.

Charges were brought by Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers stemming from a Jan. 2 incident at Martin's Mobile Service Station at Kunkle. Salsman was brought to Gregory's from the Wyoming County prison where he is incarcerated in lieu of \$40,000 bail on other charges. Salsman's case will now go to Luzerne County Court.

Legislator appointed

Rep. Frank Coslett has been appointed Republican vice chairman of the House Liquor Control Committee for the 1983-84 Legislative session.

House Republican Leader Matthew J. Ryan, in making the announcement, praised Coslett's work on the committee in previous sessions.

"Rep. Coslett is very familiar with the issues the Liquor Control Committee considers," Ryan said.

The 120th District lawmaker said that legislation has again been introduced to do away with the state store system of retailing liquor.

Coslett said that he

believes the current system he served the Commonwealth well, and he would have to wait to see what the new proposals are when they come before the committee.

"Proponents of a private system have yet to prove that new taxes would not be necessary to recover the revenues which would be lost if the state got out of the liquor business," he said.

Coslett was also appointed to the Professional Licensure and Occupational Affairs and Republican Policy committees. As a member of the Republican Policy Committee, Coslett will

help develop party legislative initiatives for the coming session.

Professional Licensure Committee oversees the operations of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs which regulates many professions which provide services to the public.

"Since the state regulates 22 professions and occupations ranging from architects to veterinarians, everyone in the Commonwealth has some stake in the decisions made by this committee," he said.

Rep. Coslett maintains a district office at 1265 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort.



RECEIVE CITATION--The GFWC Dallas Jr. Woman's Club was recently presented with a citation from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Region of the American Red Cross Blood Services. The club was recognized for the year of work done for the Back Mountain Blood Council. The Council is the first of its kind in the United States and has set the pattern for many more throughout the region and the country. The Council is based on community cooperation and has helped to meet the recent sharp increase in blood use in our hospitals. Making the presentation for the Blood Council was Paul Hodges. Shown left to right, Kathie Oravitz, club president; Pat Davies, homelife department chairman, Paul Hodges. (Mark Moran Photo)

Deaths

Harry C. Beck

Harry C. Beck, 89, formerly of RD 1, Harveys Lake, died Friday, Feb. 4 in Leader Nursing Center West, Kingston.

Surviving are sons, Harry P., Harveys Lake; Robert P., Wilmington, Del.; Russell K., Stroudsburg; William G., Cogan Station, Pa.; Gordon D., Elkton, Md.; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 7 from Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown, with the Rev. James A. Wert, pastor, Shavertown United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Twp.

Jennie Fink Finnegan

Mrs. Jennie Fink Finnegan, 84, of Cross Guest Home, Sweet Valley, died Tuesday, Feb. 1 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born Oct. 11, 1898, daughter of the late Harry and Rebecca Sorber Fink.

She is survived by sons, Glen Sorber, New York; Herman Sorber, RD Shickshinny; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Frances Edwards, Scranton; Mrs. Margaret Lewis, RD Hunlock Creek; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral was Friday at Clarke Piatt Funeral

Home, Sunset Lake Road, Hunlock Creek, with the Rev. Thomas R. Jenkins Jr., of the First United Methodist Church, Nanticoke, officiating. Interment in Sorbertown Cemetery, Hunlock Creek.

Harry Sabatura

Harry Sabatura, 172 Hillcrest St., Shavertown, died Monday, Jan. 31, in Nesbitt Hospital shortly after admission. Born in Latimer, he was the son of the late Michael and Mary Sabatura.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lucy Pahlter formerly of Hazleton; daughter, Mrs. Fred Pickett, South Westerlo, N.Y.; son, Richard, Shavertown; five grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Mary Graylock, Wilkes-Barre Township; Mrs. Helen Hanisick, Media; Mrs. Michael Steco, Bridgewater, N.J.; brothers, Peter, Woodlyn; Michael, Mansville, N.J.

Funeral was Wednesday from the George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 North Main St., Ashley with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Therese Church, Shavertown. Interment in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

Kathleen Evans Brooks

Mrs. Kathleen Evans Brooks, 69, of Orchard East, Newberry Estate,

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Raymond T. Stroud, Sr.

Dallas, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, at home following an illness. She was a member of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

A son, Cadwallader E. Brooks, preceded her in death in 1979.

She is survived by her husband, J. Archbald Brooks; daughter, Mrs. Kathleen B. Trotter, Washington, D.C.; son, Scott A. Brooks of New York City, four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday from the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, with the Rev. John S. Prater, rector, officiating. A private interment was in Fern Knoll Cemetery, Dallas.

Funeral arrangements by Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, Shavertown.

Home, 416 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Interment was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Lawrence S. Jones

Lawrence (Cap) S. Jones, 65, of 18 Orchard St., Trucksville, died Wednesday, Feb. 2 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, the former Joyce Hogg; daughter, Dana Weiss, Wyomissing; sons, Lawrence S. Jr., Chenango Bridge, N.Y.; Michael

Allen, Forty Fort; Randy J., Sweet Valley; 12 grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Smith, Novato, Calif.; and Sister Katherine of Dallas, Texas.

Funeral was Wednesday evening from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown. The Rev. Thomas A. Clemow, pastor of Trucksville United Church officiated.

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