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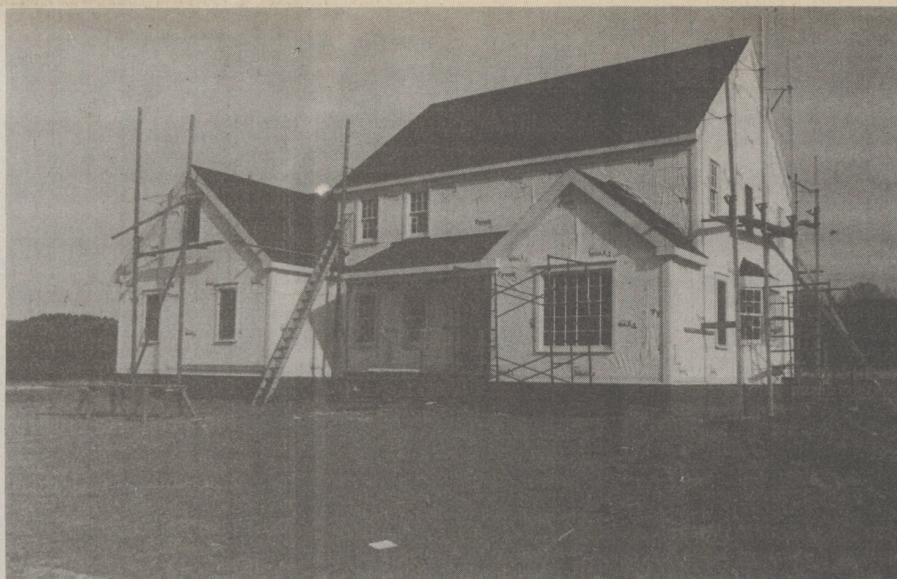
houses, but a permit has been issued for only one house. It is reported that other lots have been sold.

Box explained that in the spring there may be more applications for building permits, as the weather becomes more suitable for building.

One facet of the new developments that raises concerns with many Back Mountain residents is the creation of new, small water companies to serve them.

The new developments have their own water supplies, most of them private water companies installed by the developer. The exceptions are Crane's Landing and Sunrise Estates Phase II, which have individual wells.

All of the developments with the exception of Summerfield have been approved for or already have installed public sewers. Since the sewers do not run out as far as Summerfield, that development will not be provided public sewer service.



CEDAR LANE - This home is one of five that have been built in the Cedar Lane subdivision off Manor Road in Kingston Township. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

Kingston Township still wants Pioneer Avenue

The routine of last week's monthly Kingston Township Supervisor's meeting was broken when 10 year road department employee Don Fritzges challenged the board's assertion that members of the road crew would receive the same salary and benefit improvements as the police department. (See separate story on the police package). Fritzges said that supervisor Ambrose Gavigan had made that promise in a talk with him and other road employees at the town garage November 9.

In answer to Fritzges complaint that this year's \$700 raises were about \$200 less than last year's, supervisor Ed Price responded, "The cost of living is up only 2 per cent and you got 4 per cent - you're 2 per cent ahead." Price explained that a larger increase in the cost of living in 1987 had resulted in bigger raises last year.

At least one item in the police pact will be extended to all full-time employees of the Township. The supervisors voted to offer vision and dental insurance coverage to all those eligible, provided they pay 50 per cent of the cost of the dental package.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the supervisors accepted the resignation of Robert Tippet from the Planning Commission after many years of service. Scott Ashton of 149 Butternut Road, Shavertown, was voted to replace Tippet for a three year term.

Road conditions and PennDOT were the subject of two discussions. First, the board has asked State Representative Scott Dieterick to intervene in their efforts to have Pioneer Avenue taken over by

the township. PennDOT had agreed to turn over the road, but reneged on the deal (reported in the December 28 Post). Kingston Township wants to make needed repairs to the heavily traveled road, but PennDOT was unwilling to give the township the funds to do so. Township manager Jeffrey Box said that he hopes that if the state won't give up the thoroughfare now, it will repair it soon and then give it to the township.

In a similar matter, PennDOT has written the township promising to correct problems on Bunker Hill Road caused when the road was repaved recently.

Residents concerned about the impact of the Maple Crest development proposed for the Carverton Road area will have a chance to review the plans and talk with the developer at the February 7 meeting of the planning commission. Gerald Fisher, an engineer working for developer, Flack, Wallack and Moreck, will attend that meeting. Several board members remarked that the preliminary plan they have seen has "severe problems," including appearing to landlock the Maple Crest Water Company's pump station. Box explained after the meeting that the land had been sold several times, but that proper surveys may not have been conducted. Therefore, property owners may have built structures on land not their own.

Awards were presented to Rich Sabatura and Kathleen Pacewicz for winning the recreation commission's house decorating contest.

Mercy to join with larger organization

Mercy Health Care System (MHCS), Dallas, PA, and Mercy Health System (MHS), Cincinnati, OH, have signed a letter of intent to combine the two multi-facility systems under a joint sponsorship arrangement, early in 1989. MHCS facilities will become part of MHS under the agreement.

The expected outcome of the combination of the two systems is the strengthening and continuance of the Catholic health care ministry in the midwest and eastern United States.

According to William McGuire, president and CEO of MHCS, "In terms of history of MHCS, our intent always has been to align ourselves with a larger national system to assure the long-term viability of our health care minis-

try." Sister M. Michaeleen, CSC, president and CEO of MHS, said: "This agreement will enhance the presence of Sisters of Mercy in health care and provide a historic opportunity of collaboration and commitment to the healing ministry of Christ in the bringing together of two provinces of the Sisters of Mercy. The combined strengths and talents of both existing systems, coupled with the quality and commitment to Christian values, will assure economies of scale and the future of Mercy health facilities in the region we serve."

The resulting corporation will continue to be known as Mercy Health System. MHS will expand its service area from Ohio, Ken-

tucky and Tennessee to include Pennsylvania.

MHCS presently consists of three acute care hospitals, two long-term care facilities, one co-sponsored residence for the well-elderly, and two regional holding companies which operate 13 diversified health care activities.

MHS currently consists of more than 50 health-related organizations in Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. These include 16 acute care hospitals (15 owned and one managed), four long-term care facilities (three owned and one managed, one residence for the well-elderly and five regional holding companies which operate diversified health care activities.

The new Mercy Health System will include 19 acute care hospi-

tals (18 owned and one managed), six long-term care facilities (five owned and one managed), and two residences for the well-elderly. It will continue to operate its diversified health care activities as well. MHS facilities will stretch from Toledo, OH, to Knoxville, TN, and from Paducah, KY to Scranton, Pa.

The new Mercy Health System will own 3,822 licensed hospital beds and manage 385 hospital beds, for a total of 4,207 hospital beds. MHS will own 631 long-term care beds and manage 114 long-term beds, for a total of 745 long-term beds. MHS will also own 204 residential life care apartments. The combination will make Mercy Health System the sixth largest Catholic health system in America.

Public officials for four communities listed

Editor's note: This is the second of two parts of an article listing public officials in the Back Mountain.

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In order to assist residents who wish to become more involved in their communities, The Dallas Post has composed a list of area officials by name, occupation and term in office.

In this issue are published those in Franklin, Jackson, Lake and Lehman Townships as well as members of Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Boards.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

Lake Township consists of three supervisors, Charles Balavage, electrician, chairman; Robert Grey, employed at Native Textiles and Fred Wisniewski, plumber. Ruth Valick is secretary to the board of supervisors.

John Ruane is Chief of Police and Ruth Orloski is tax collector. Bryan Updyke is building permit officer.

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP

Lehman Township is also gov-

erned by three supervisors. Alan Major has held positions as secretary or supervisor for about 50 years and is presently chairman of the board. Major, now semi-retired, has been an antique dealer for many years. Paul Goodwin and Douglas Ide are the other two supervisors. Ide does plumbing and pump work and Goodwin is training for the position as prison guard.

William Goodwin is Chief of Police in Lehman Township and Peggy Moyer is tax collector. The township recently completed new zoning ordinances with Barbara Simms as zoning officer.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Franklin Township's three-man board of supervisors are Robert Redmond, owner of Kandle Lite and a logging business; Andy Prebala, road supervisor; and Timothy Dymond, farmer, associated with Dymond's Farm Market & Bakery.

Joyce Daubert is Tax Collector and also prepares income tax returns.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Jackson Township, like the other townships, is governed by a three-

man board of supervisors.

Charles Cigarski is senior board member and is employed as road supervisor for the township. Adams works out of town and Joseph Stager is serving his first term as supervisor. He is manager of Forty Fort Lumber Company.

Chief of Police is Donald Jones, who is employed by the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.

Jacqueline Latosek is tax collector and Robert Culp is zoning officer.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD

The Lake-Lehman School Board consists of nine members, Dr. John Presper, neurologist; Jeffrey Fritzen; Mark Elgaway, chairman, C-TEC; Thomas Williams, product salesman; Liz Sichler, sales representative; Edward Mark, psychologist; Bing O. Wolfe, C-TEC employee; Joseph "Red" Jones, sales; and Robert Emery, affiliated with

Honeywell Co. Joseph Gale is the board solicitor.

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD

Dallas School Board also consists of nine members, Thomas Landon, sales; Dr. William Camp, LCCC; John George, retired restaurant owner; Clarence Michael, Wyoming Valley West faculty; Tex Wilson, retired businessman; Ellen Nagy, Visiting Nurse Association; Ernest Ashbridge, vice president, Hanover National Bank; James Richardson, automobile dealer; and John Litz, division controller, UGI, recently appointed to position left vacant by the death of Albert Pisaneschi. Ashbridge serves as chairman. Solicitor is Atty. Ben Jones III.

In addition to the officials listed above, many appointed individuals also work to improve and maintain the Back Mountain communities.



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