

Cops

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"You mean we pay a man \$5.50 per hour to work and then pay him \$10 per hour for training?" asked Stager.

Jones replied, "The precedent has been set as we have been getting paid \$40 for training, whether it be two hours or eight hours a night."

Supervisor chairman Thomas Adams said that he did not think the supervisors had much of a choice in the matter. "This is a mandated situation and if they don't get the training then we don't have a police department," said Adams.

Supervisor Andrew Kasko made the motion to pay the officers for the training. Stager seconded the motion but then voted against it. Kasko and Adams both voted in favor.

After the vote, Jones said that the cost for mandated training will probably continue to rise. He then added, "To me it looks cheap for the per capita that is in the township now."

Stager agreed that the mandated cost is rising and the township is preparing for it. "We are trying to budget for this next year because we know there is going to be a lot more training mandated for our police," he said.

In other business at the meeting:

- The board met with a representative of Cable Television in Hazleton about expanding service to the township. The supervisors will meet with the representatives again next month. Residents who want increased service can write the supervisors at 1551 Chase Road.

- The supervisors announced that new emergency cards are being mailed to all residents. The cards include the new emergency phone numbers for police, fire and ambulance.

Stoves

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also says it is an amazing season.

"We're not only busier and have more activity but sales and estimates are about 200 percent over other years. Sure, I attribute it to the Mideast but people have suddenly decided to ask for coal and our wood sales for fireplaces are growing for us. Some people are 'young' as far as knowing about them."

Remodeling and construction over the past four or five years has prompted more sales. "People are building large, beautiful homes and fireplaces are one thing they want in them. We have also put 10 or 11 fireplaces in old homes and added glass doors, top ceiling dampers and outside combustion."

He also said he believes the higher prices for fuel oil triggered the recent activity, but that wood prices are not up. But he thinks there will be a change in price of wood as demand increases.

"We opened in 1976 and when I went back over the last eight or 10 years, prices haven't gone up much at all," Baker said. "They have been fairly consistent."

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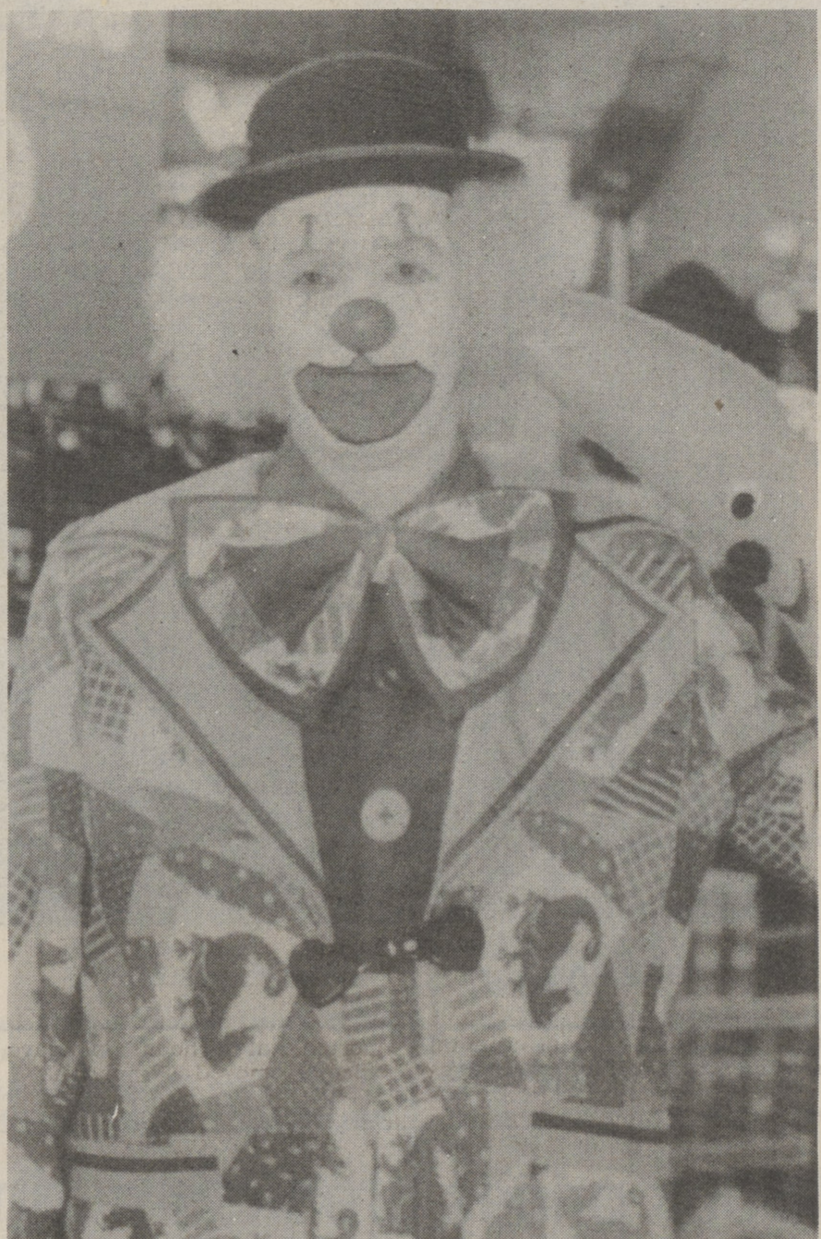
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CLOWNING AROUND - Jim Eason of Dallas shows some of the props he uses in his clown act. Top, Eason's wife bought this miniature car for Jim's birthday present; above right, the old banana in the ear trick; above left, Eason out of character in his Dallas hardware store. (Post Photos/Charlotte Bartizek)

Jim Eason clowns around for others

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK
Post Staff

Walk down Main Street in Dallas some Saturday and you might catch him, Dallas' own award winning white-faced clown.

"It's a greedy thing I do," says Jim Eason, dressed and ready to parade in Milton as an Irem Temple white-faced clown, explaining the satisfaction he gets from his hobby.

"I don't play golf or good gin rummy. As a clown I visit hospitals, cheer-up kids, maybe a little boy or girl who might never have walked."

Eason explains further that he joined "one of the greatest philanthropic efforts in America," (the Shriners) because "as humans we all like to be charitable, like to do good things. We all have this need

and I found it in clowning." The Shriners operate 19 children's hospitals and burn centers in this country. Services are entirely free to families in need, including support services.

Carol Eason, Jim's wife explained "Well, he's just a big kid." But Carol, a licensed beautician who operates her own salon, does not help with Jim's face makeup.

"Oh no, it's his own thing and once a month he has makeup sessions to attend," she says. The sessions did some good. Last May Eason

placed first in the Mid Atlantic Clown-O-Rama held in Maryland. He competed in a category only for white-faced clowns.

All good things must come to an end though, Carol explains. "Jim can be a white-faced clown only until the wrinkles set in," since the white face makeup exaggerates age lines and makes the face unacceptable for public appearance. In the meantime she's bought him a miniature motorized antique truck to complete his costume. It was his birthday present.

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have registration forms include:

- Representative George Hasay's office in Hanover Township.
- Representative Scott Dietterick's office in Forty Fort.
- Senator Charles Lemmond's office in Kingston.
- Candidate for State Representative Phyllis Mundy's headquarters in Kingston.
- Planned Parenthood offices in Wilkes-Barre.

Figures from the May primary election show that there are more Democrats than Republicans in Luzerne County. However, the

Back Mountain is a different story as Republicans outnumbered Democrats by a nearly two-to-one margin.

In May there were 145,574 registered voters in Luzerne County; 86,868 Democrats and 55,602 Republicans. Independents and all other parties totaled 3,104.

In the 16 voting districts in the Back Mountain there were 13,393 registered voters. Of those, 8,399 were Republicans, 4,441 were Democrats and all other parties totaled 52.

Energy

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windows and roofing can be helpful in controlling heating costs.

"People involved in the heating business say that owners and builders today are placing a lot of emphasis on energy conservation when planning new home construction."

A spokesperson for Pennsylvania Gas and Water said that the company is often asked many questions by new homeowners about heating and energy savings.

"People are becoming more aware that there is big money involved with maintaining an energy-efficient home. Whether or not they do anything about it is another story," he said.

But area officials say that the work being done on area homes may not be related to rising energy prices. "We don't see the kind of work it takes to make a home more energy-efficient," said Harveys Lake building inspector Dan Samson. "There does seem to be work going on though, and it may be that people want to update their homes."

Rittenhouse said that most of her company's business is being done with owners of older homes. "I think that a lot of people are doing the work on older homes instead of buying a new home," she said.

Gulf

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sanctions were approved by the United Nations Security Council.

Baker said he was on the aircraft carrier in the Mideast for about a month before he came home. He is an electrician on the Eisenhower.

Baker said unlike men and women in the desert, the men on the Eisenhower were relatively comfortable and didn't feel that they were in very much danger. He doesn't know what another trip over might bring.



FRIENDS ENLIST - Navy Airman Brian Baker and two of his Back Mountain friends enlisted in the service together. Above from left, John Hutchins, Brian Titus and Brian Baker, take time out to exchange experiences. (Photo Courtesy/Evelyn Baker)

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