

Latest Census shows Back Mountain growing

Most Back Mountain communities gaining residents in the past decade, according to the latest figures released by the Bureau of Census. Total population for these nine municipalities in the Back Mountain was 34,085 in the most recent count as opposed to 29,062 indicated in the preliminary count or an increase of 5,023.

The chart below lists the 1980 population, the preliminary and current 1990 counts and the percentage change during the decade.

Census Figures for Back Mountain communities

MUNICIPALITY	1980 POP.	PRE-POP.	1990 POP.	% CHG. 80-90
Dallas Borough	2,679	2,520	2,567	-4.2
Dallas Twp.	7,287	7,079	7,625	+4.6
Franklin Twp.	1,473	1,096	1,414	-4.0
Harveys Lake	2,318	2,687	2,764	+19.2
Jackson Twp.	2,941	5,179	5,336	+81.4
Kingston Twp.	6,535	6,582	6,763	+3.5
Lake Twp.	1,783	1,919	2,634	+47.7
Lehman Twp.	3,030	3,035	3,076	+1.5
Ross Twp.	2,323	2,571	1,924	-17.2

*1980 population is final census. PRE- is the 1990 preliminary count. The 1990 population is the latest count.

Roof

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were downstairs when I put the boat in," said Hillman.

He testified that he was not aware of the township regulations, which put the maximum height of a garage that is not connected to a house at 15 feet.

"I applied for a work permit and started the construction thinking that I had a permit," said Hillman.

Township zoning officer Barbara Simms said that she did not give Hillman a work permit because he did not meet the height requirements. She also stated that Hillman stopped construction on the building once he was notified the permit was denied.

David J. Jones, of R.R. #2 Dallas, testified against the proposed variance. He said that Hillman did not meet the five requirements for a variance and felt that the board would be leaving itself open if the variance were approved.

"The fact that he bought a boat should have no bearing on the future," said Jones. "If he would sell the boat then that area could possibly be turned into an apartment or living area."

Hillman told the board he did not think Jones' testimony was important. "No one from Lake Silkworth is complaining," said Hillman. "He shouldn't even be here, there have been problems between us for more than a year and his objections don't necessarily deal with this issue."

Jones told the board that the future of the township had to be considered. "In the future there

The 21 foot high roofline is taller than the township's 15 foot limit

may be homes built on adjacent areas and this garage could limit them," he said.

"I feel that Mr. Hillman did this without prior consent and with disregard of the rules and regulations. If you are going to have rules and regulations and not follow through with them then they are of no use," he added.

Hillman told the board the work was done without knowledge of the ordinance. "I didn't do this intentionally," he said.

The board took some time in deciding on the issue. Board member William Dawe made a motion to not allow the variance and require Hillman to do what was necessary to bring the house into compliance with the ordinance.

"We have a township ordinance and if you would have researched it beforehand you would have seen what was necessary," Dawe told Hillman. "There is not much we can do, it doesn't comply with the ordinance."

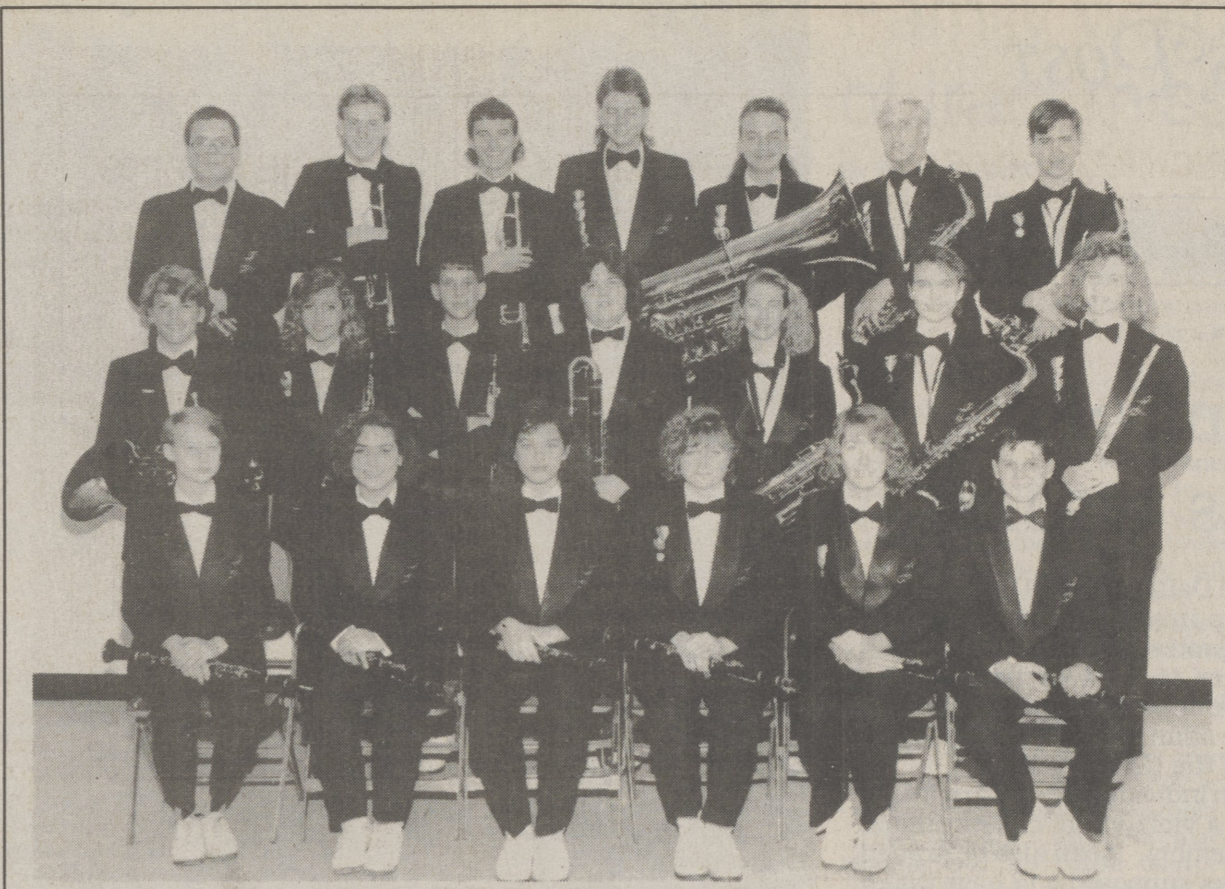
Approving the motion were board members William Conyngnam, Harold Coolbaugh and Dawe. Voting against was Francis Chamberlain.

Hillman was not sure what he would do to comply with the ordinance. There was some question on whether the building was in compliance if it were connected to Hillman's house and there was also a question as to possibly raising the land around the garage.

Neither the board nor its attorney, John M. Haley, could advise Hillman on how to handle the situation because of a possible conflict of interest.

Correction

Due to incorrect information from a news source, it was stated in a story about the Dallas Play-ground protests in the January 23 issue of The Dallas Post, that borough manager Milton Lutsey's salary for supervising the playground would be "about \$1500". Lutsey's salary for the 1991 year is \$7600 per year for five days per week from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with no amount mentioned for playground compensation.



Lake-Lehman students attend District Band

Twenty students from Lake-Lehman were chosen to attend the 1991 District 9 Band Festival which was held recently at the Crestwood Senior High School. The band is comprised of 160 high school students from a five county area who were selected through auditions which were held this past November. The guest conductor for this year's festival was John Miliuskas. Miliuskas is the former director of the Lake-Lehman Band and has recently retired from that position. The students rehearsed under the direction of Miliuskas for three days and gave a public concert at the Crestwood Senior High School on Saturday, Jan. 26. The students from Lake-Lehman who were chosen to attend are:

Front row, from left, Sara Sorber, Tammy Kopko, Melissa Gabriel, Lee Ann Rogers, Diana Shoemaker, Chris Lincoski; Middle row, Chris Brown, Sara Yoblonski, James Riggins, Renee Evans, Johanna Miller, Meaghan Ruddy, Tami Trescavage; Back row, Mike Andrusis, Chris Price, Jim Hutchins, Tim Smith, Ryan Walp, Mike Fritzen, Robbie Trescavage.

Lake-Lehman superintendent to speak at Shavertown UMC

Mrs. Nancy I. Davis, newly appointed Superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Fellowship Club of The Shavertown United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 3, 6:45 p.m., in the church Social Room.

Coming to Lake-Lehman after over seven successful years of superintendency experience in the Central Greene School District in Waynesburg, Pa., Mrs. Davis brings background experience as elementary classroom teacher, Reading Specialist, Reading Supervisor, Chapter 1 Coordinator, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and also Assistant Superintendent. She is a graduate of California University, University of Pittsburgh and is currently completing her Doctoral Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with West Virginia University. She is married to the Rev. William H. Davis.

The topic Mrs. Davis will present is entitled, "The Challenge of Public Education Today." After her presentation, there will be a time for questions and answers.

The meeting will begin with a covered dish buffet dinner. Members are encouraged to bring friends. Reservations must be made with Debbie Josuweit, 675-1642. Following the meal, there will be a program of special musical entertainment. William and Janice Lowstuter will serve as conveners of the meeting. After the speaker, a short business session will be conducted.



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International film series set at Penn State Wilkes-Barre

"My Life as a Dog," "The 400 Blows," and "The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum" are just a few of the many films that will be featured during Penn State Wilkes-Barre's International Film Series.

On January 31, Lasse Hallstrom's film "My Life as a Dog" about a 12 year-old boy's experiences as he grows up in 1950's Sweden, will be presented.

Francois Truffaut's first feature, "The 400 Blows," will be shown February 7 and relates the story of an alienated 12 year-old Parisian schoolboy who turns to a life of petty crime in reaction to his miserable parents.


The German film, "The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum," about a young woman who takes a man home from a party who is suspected of being a terrorist, is scheduled for February 21.

"The Marriage of Maria Braun" tells the tale of a poor soldier's wife who rises to power and wealth in the decade following the end of World War II. The German film will be shown on February 28.

Another six films will be presented through May including La Cage aux Folles, Part I; A Clockwork Orange; Ugetsu; Rashomon; Do the Right Thing; and Entres Nous.

The international Film Series is supported by Student Endowment Funds of the Pennsylvania State University. The films, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be shown in the Science Center Auditorium and are free and open to the community.

More information can be obtained by calling 675-2171.



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