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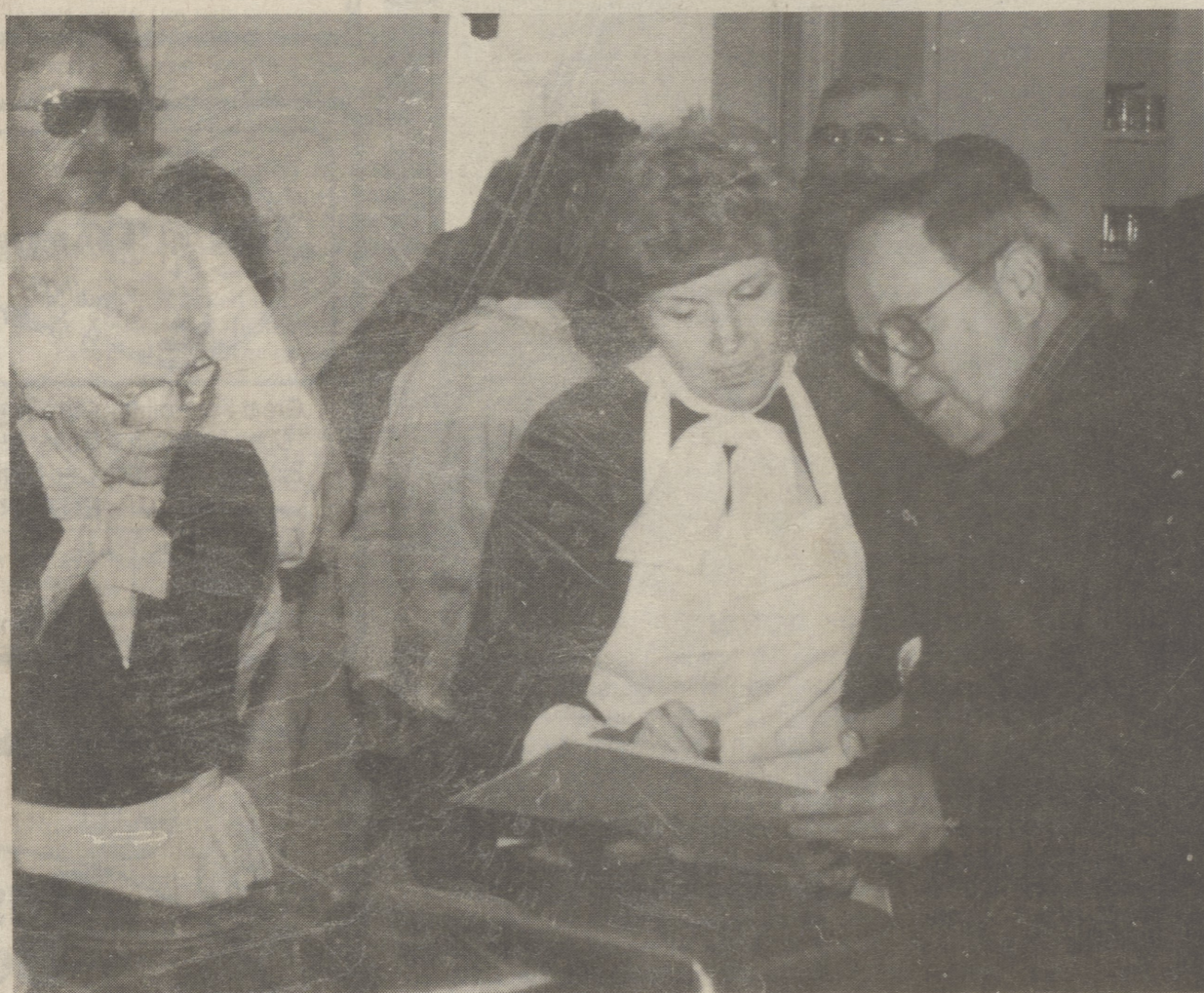
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The offices of The Dallas Post will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30. Items may be left in the mail slot over the weekend.

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HELPING OTHERS ON THANKSGIVING - Charles Lemmond, right, goes over the menu with Shawn Murphy before serving dozens of people Thanksgiving dinner. The Lemmond and Murphy families have been sharing their Thanksgiving dinner with others for nearly 20 years.

Lemmonds, Murphys serve 125 'guests' a Thanksgiving dinner

By GRACE R. DOVE
 Post Staff

As they have for nearly two decades, two Back Mountain families will serve Thanksgiving dinner to 125 guests before they sit down to their own holiday meal.

Nineteen years ago, three families began the dinner, which has since grown into a tradition, to honor the memory of deceased family members. Anyone in the community is welcome, as long as they have made reservations first.

Sister Barbara Craig of the Sisters of Mercy, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and Senator and Mrs. Charles B. Lemmond, Jr. obtained space at First United

Methodist Church, on North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, gathered donations of food and recruited friends to help in the kitchen.

"As our families grew, our children began to help out," Mrs. Shawn Murphy said. "They're coming in from all over. We're glad they have picked up the tradition."

Unfortunately, Sister Barbara's work called her away from the area several years ago and she is no longer able to participate, Mrs. Murphy said.

The guests, many of whom otherwise would be alone for Thanksgiving, sit down at tables set with tablecloths, china place settings and centerpieces to a

traditional family-style turkey dinner - everything from soup to nuts. After dinner, the centerpieces are chanced off.

"Gene Brady from the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) is able to supply us with much of the meal," Mrs. Barbara Lemmond said. "Friends donate homemade desserts. Hillside Farms supplies the beautiful floral centerpieces at cost. And a small free-will offering also helps offset the costs."

Brady said that his staff takes up a collection to buy the turkeys and trimmings for the dinner.

According to church secretary

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Mansions in miniature on display

By GRACE R. DOVE
 Post Staff

Some lucky person will win a hand-built three-story, 12-room Georgian Colonial house the weekend of November 28-29.

The house features hand-cut siding, custom windows, wallpaper and carpeting. It's very economical to maintain and won't cost its new owner a penny in property taxes.

But only people less than 6' tall can live there, because it's a doll house.

Built by Fred and Lois Hughes of Dallas Township, the house will be chanced off at a Christmas dollhouse show featuring more than 50 decorated dollhouses, sponsored by "Dream Homes in Miniature" November 28-29 at the Penn State Lehman campus.

All houses built by the organization, a group of 13 area people interested in building and furnishing miniature homes, are

on a 1:1 scale, where one foot is reduced to one inch.

Lois Hughes, club president, and her husband, Fred, have built several miniature houses, including a farm house and a Victorian mansion which Fred Hughes designed from a drawing of the home of the creator of "Little Orphan Annie."

Fred designs and builds the homes; Lois decorates the rooms.

He hand-cut every piece of the siding for the exterior of the Georgian Colonial home to be chanced off at the show. "It was easy. I used foam board, which can be cut and shaped with a sheet rock knife or X-acto tools," he said. Except for the bathroom fixtures and a kitchen table and chairs, the rooms are unfurnished.

"You can spend a small fortune on this hobby, unless you make everything yourself like we do."

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A TINY BED - Fred Hughes shows off a bed that he built on a 1 foot to 1 inch scale for the Victorian dollhouse that he and his wife, Lois, will display at the Christmas dollhouse show. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

Rukstalis' art and words become book

By GRACE R. DOVE
 Post Staff

When Dallas resident Susan Rukstalis was in junior high school, she loved to write stories about queens and dragons and show them to her art teacher.

Her magical stories have grown up with her.

Rukstalis has just published her first book, *How Many Steps Before the Queen*, peopled with wizards, magic, a queen and a prince.

A children's story, *How Many*

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A TALE OF MAGIC - Susan Rukstalis reads her book *How Many Steps Before the Queen* to the second grade at Gate of Heaven School, as John Treven, Sharleen Casey, and Ashlee Fagula, left, and Joe Buczko, Charles Latona and Maria Bassano, right, look on. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

Lake official says 2 audits show no crime

By BILL HARPER
 Post Staff

Two state audits of Harveys Lake finances have turned up nothing out of the ordinary, according to a Harveys Lake official.

"We have seen audits of the police pension fund and the liquid fuel accounts, and although there may have been a few discrepancies, nothing criminal was discovered," Harveys Lake sewage control officer William Mann said.

Mann claimed that the audits are probably politically motivated and are not related to the arrest of Assistant Police Chief Ronald Spock. He has called for authorities

to release all investigation results in order to end speculation about corruption in the borough.

Spock is accused of accepting a television set as a bribe in exchange for dropping a driving under the influence charge in December 1991.

Luzerne County District Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski said that a trial probably will not be scheduled until January 1993. Spock waived arraignment on September 25 and Luzerne County Court Judge Patrick Toole denied a defense motion to dismiss the case on October 15.

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No new taxes!

Dallas Twp. sees more revenue

By GRACE R. DOVE
 Post Staff

For the fourth year in a row, Dallas Township taxpayers will enjoy a tax rate of only six mills, pending the final approval of the township's 1993 budget.

Projected expenditures of \$1,126,000, including estimated increases of \$25,000 for utilities, repairs and equipment and \$25,800 for police salaries and expenses have been offset by increases in per capita, real estate transfer and earned income taxes, according to preliminary figures released by the supervisors.

The largest revenue increase is in the earned income tax, which is projected at \$570,000, up from a \$480,000 projection for 1992. However, receipts from the tax stood at nearly \$483,000 at the end of October.

"This is a only a draft of the budget, not a final copy," said solicitor Frank Townend. "During the next 30 days we will complete all of our calculations and prepare the final copy for approval."

The proposed budget will be posted for public inspection at the Dallas Township Building until December 15, when the supervisors will consider approving a final budget.

Kingston Twp. will show surplus

By BILL HARPER
 Post Staff

Kingston Township's 1993 budget will see an increase in spending of only about \$8,000, according to Township Manager Jeff Box. He said that this is a very conservative figure and believes that the township's management will result in no tax increase.

"The growth which we are experiencing is offsetting the increase in spending and the township has been very prudent in the way which we have managed our finances," Box said.

The township's 1993 budget, which had its first reading at the November 11 supervisor's meeting, calls for an estimated revenue of \$1,105,175, up from the

\$1,097,019 estimated revenue from 1992. Box said that the township expects to spend 1,105,175 in 1993 compared to the 1,097,019 which was spent in 1992.

Box said that the final budget will be read at the December 9 meeting.

Box said that in writing the budget, several line items were cut back and that the growth in revenues was not as great as in recent years. He added that no changes in the budget are anticipated between now and the final reading.

"We have had two public meetings to prepare the budget and the supervisors made minor changes prior to the first reading," Box said.

Dallas Borough tightens its belt

By GRACE R. DOVE
 Post Staff

Read their lips: no new taxes.

But faced with an estimated \$36,931 decrease in revenues from 1992, the Dallas Borough Council may have to bite the bullet a bit harder in 1993.

The proposed budget passed by the borough council at its regular meeting Tuesday, November 17, estimated decreases in occupation, per capita and real estate transfer taxes, as well as fees for mechanical devices, pave cuts and building

permits. The draft budget also projects lower receipts from fines, zoning variance fees and interest income.

The losses are offset by estimated increases in real estate and earned income taxes, cable television franchise fees, pension fund reimbursements and motor tax allocations.

Estimated increases in municipal employees' salaries and expenses for the purchase of road equipment account for much of

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The Dallas Post will move December 2-3

The Dallas Post will move to new offices at 45 Main Road in Dallas Township the week after Thanksgiving. The building, formerly a private home located across from Offset Paperback, is being remodeled into the newspaper's office.

When completed, the building will contain more than twice the space of the present office, with parking for employees in the rear and visitor parking in front. Inside, the building will provide separate rooms for business, news and composition functions, a darkroom and adequate space for storage and future expansion.

Persons should bring items for publication to the present office until Thursday, December 3. The Post's mailing address and telephone number remain the same: P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612, and 675-5211.