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deserves special thanks from all of us. Their deeds have been noticed and appreciated by many, many Back Mountain residents."

They are: Mellon Bank's Paul Nicholson and realtor Bob Besecker for the downtown's time and temperature sign; the Lions Club for decorating the "Post Office" tree; Barbara Lemmond and Anne N. Davies for planting and caring for the flowers in front of the borough building and around the Veterans' Memorial all summer; Sue Hand and Mayor LaBar for the pictures in the council meeting room.

Two other announcements were: Tele-Media will increase prices 4.6% effective January 1, 1995, and Native Textiles reports their first separation of employment will take place no sooner than February 1 and will continue according to the removal of machinery. There are 105 current employees and as 16 machines move the work force will be decreased by 19 employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Howell of Red Ledge Drive, along with two neighbor couples, presented to council their experiences with a water problem. Mr. Howell stated that conditions at the foot of Red Ledge concern all residents and do not appear to be strictly a wet weather occurrence.

He explained that water bubbled up from the ground at different times, ran freely over the roadway, scoring it badly, and in cold weather formed massive sheets of ice. Neighbor Tom Wilhelm said, "This is a disaster waiting to happen. Eight families

use the area as an exit to Huntsville Road, and children walk through it to the bus stop. Whenever the temperature drops we are all fearful of what might happen."

Council president Cooper assured the group that the problem would be addressed immediately, and he directed manager Lutsey to visit the area personally, along with borough engineer Corbett. Solicitor Krohn also offered to join the inspection. Recommendations will be made and those involved notified.

Another water problem, ostensibly from Sunset runoffs, was described by Rose Gula, a resident of 62 Joseph Street, and will also be investigated.

In other business, council appointed Charles Shurites as Supervisor, Roads and Maintenance, and appointed Roger Baney to fill a vacancy on the zoning board, a two-year term.

"Ms. Peiffer cautioned that, unlike last year, there will be no unlimited garbage pickups at year's end and the beginning of next year. A two-bag limit will apply, and both pickup days will be set back one day...to December 27 and January 3.

Permits were issued in December to Joseph Valenta, 38 Village Green for a 12'x24' shed, value \$5,000; Scott K. Starbuck, RD 5, for a two-family structure at 51 and 53 Lehman Avenue, value \$75,000 and Leo Rutkoski of Old Well Lane for a new home on Lot #14 in Deer Meadows, value \$150,000.

The next meeting will be at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, 1995.

Zoning

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Because the council hadn't taken the necessary second step in the procedure, to release specific findings pertaining to the problem area in the zoning code, the resolution died and the entire zoning code has remained in effect.

The second, an amendment to the building code, will allow council to change fees and collections by resolution rather than by further amending the ordinance. According to solicitor Charles McCormick, this will save the borough advertising fees.

The third amendment requires contractors doing pile driving for docks or retaining walls on the shoreline to get a \$100 permit.

Abod abstained from voting, while Francis Kopko and Joseph Miscavage voted against the three amendments.

"Several of these amendments don't seem fair," Miscavage said.

"Look at the proposed permit for pile driving. To build a new dock, a contractor must get a borough contractor's license, a permit from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) and a borough building permit. Now we're adding an additional \$100 permit to that. It's a lot."

Kopko said he voted against the amendments because he "didn't like" the zoning ordinance amendment.

In other business the council voted to:

- Hire Scott Davis as a part-time patrolman as soon as the borough receives copies of his police certifications.

- Negotiate with Baltimore Life for life insurance and possibly short-term disability insurance for the police department, as agreed in the new police contract.

- Give each borough employee a turkey for Christmas.

Epiphany service at Shavertown church

A service celebrating Epiphany will be held January 8 at 4 p.m. in the Shavertown United Methodist Church. The theme of the service will be, "Go Tell It On the Mountain."

The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. William Summerhill, Chaplain of Wyoming Seminary.

Special music will be provided by a combined choir directed by Gene Deborah Kelleher and the Brass Choir of the Albright United Methodist Church.

The offering will be given to the Pittston and Mt. Zion United Methodist Churches to help repair structural damage to their buildings from last winter's severe weather.

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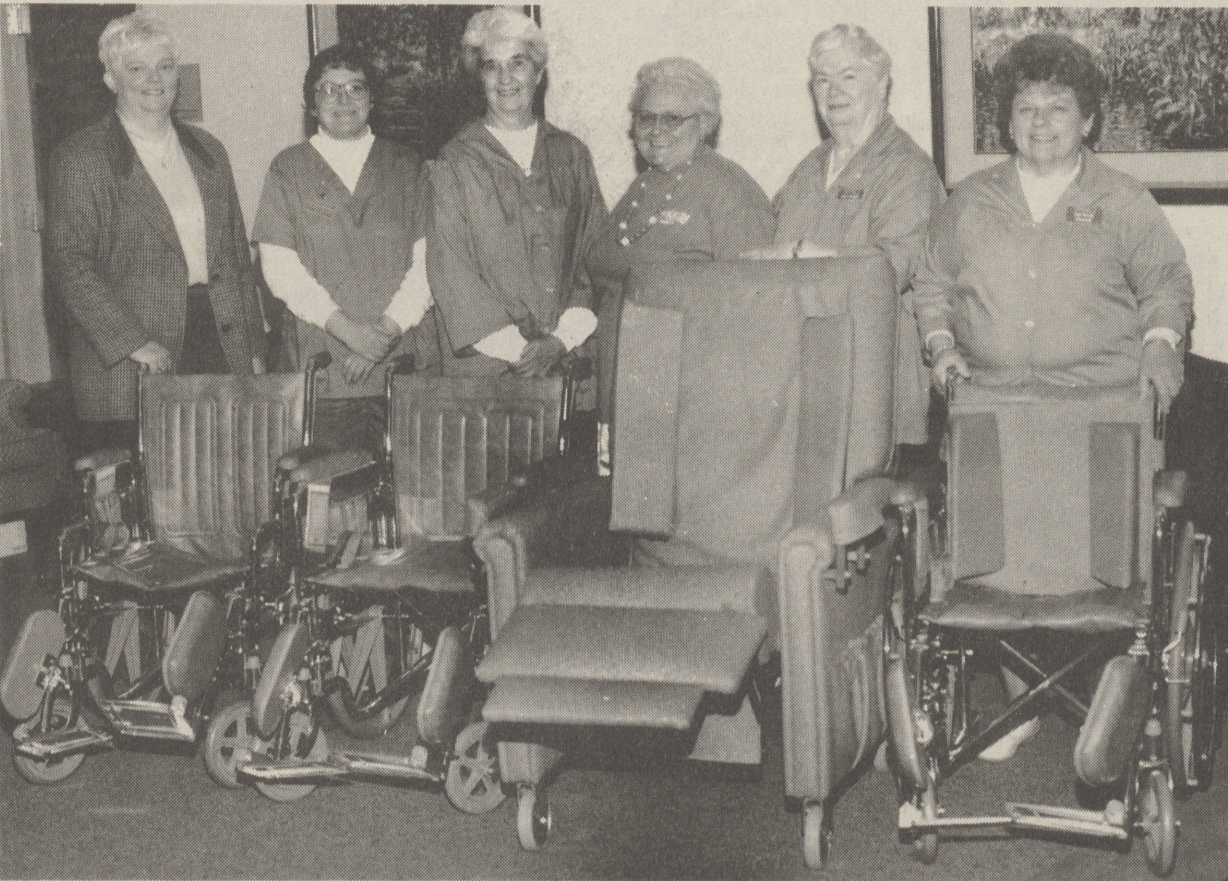
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Learning about their state government

While completing the requirements for their Citizen in the Community merit badges, Boy Scouts from Troop 281, Dallas met with State Representative Phyllis Mundy.

Attending were, from left, kneeling, Corey Pajka, Steven Butler, R.J. Barna, Anthony Yenason, John Cyprich, and Daniel Wasserrott; standing, Carol Dancheck, Floyd Mattie, Jonathan Bradbury, Lloyd Droppers, Michael Dancheck, Rep. Phyllis Mundy, Dave Neiman, Matthew Kutish, and Dave Kutish.



Special wheelchairs donated to Meadows

The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas recently donated five special wheelchairs to meet the needs of residents at the Center and supplies for therapeutic activities.

Showing off the donated wheelchairs, from left to right, are Diane Malonis, R.N., director of nursing; Chris Montross, L.P.N., supervisor of restorative nursing; Josephine Besecker, auxiliary president; Barbara Barakat, auxiliary; Louise Lamoreaux, auxiliary second vice president and Lois Keller, secretary.

Those interested in volunteering at the Center and joining the Auxiliary, may contact the Volunteer Department at 675-8600, Ext. 138.

Meadows Auxiliary to meet Jan. 9

The auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, will meet for a covered dish luncheon meeting January 9 at noon in the center's multi purpose room, first floor.

Community members interested in learning more about the auxiliary are invited. To make a reservation call 675-8600, Ext. 138.

SKI TIP #13
by Sean O'Shea

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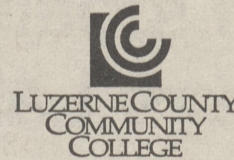
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