

Comm center

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as a non-emergency dispatch center has been discussed. "The issue is how much if anything are the local communities willing to spend to keep a non-emergency center," said Box. If the center acted in that manner, the county would answer all 911 calls, but immediately send non-emergency calls to the BMCC for dispatch.

Ron Rome, intergovernmental coordinator for Luzerne County Emergency Services, said the county has always been open to local non-emergency centers. "It's something we can talk about," he said. The borough of Kingston and Pittston City have told the county they want to maintain non-emergency sites after the countywide 911 system goes into effect.

Rome said a meeting between county emergency officials, BMCC representatives and the county commissioners is tentatively set for Nov. 13. "We're going to take one step at a time," he said.

Jack Dodson, president of Back Mountain Firemen's Association, is all for the non-emergency center. "We think that is a great option," said Dodson, pointing out that 95 percent of all 911 calls are not for emergencies.

"We were let down by the judge's decision. The Back Mountain has a good comm center. It gets the fire and ambulance out quickly. We feel the BMCC is an

assot," he said.

County emergency management officials will meet with the Back Mountain Firemen's Association Nov. 12 to discuss the next step in implementing the county plan.

Dodson thinks there will be a confusing transition at first if the county takes over the area and hopes a Back Mountain dispatcher will remain to ease the transition and help keep quality emergency and non-emergency service in the Back Mountain.

Michael Melnick, the BMCC board's attorney, said they have 30 days to appeal the court decision. It has not been established if they will appeal. "The only thing planned is to discuss the implications of the decision with Luzerne County."

Melnick said public safety was the reason the board filed the suit in the first place. "We knew we had an uphill battle. The forefront of the board's concern was for the people who want and demand a high quality and efficient 911 system," he said.

Melnick said the judgement does not prohibit BMCC from existing, but it cannot charge per phone line like the county. "We can exist independently of Luzerne County. The problem with that is the taxpayers would be paying twice to maintain the comm center," he said. "In theory we can exist, but it's not cost efficient."

ALL DRESSED UP

Dallas Elementary School held its annual Halloween parade last Friday, with costumed youngsters filling the hallways. In photo at right, Griffen Adams, Christopher Ellis, Carley Huft and Gillian Schultz pranced around. Students weren't the only ones in on the action. Second grade teachers joining in, below right, were Miss Zezza, Mrs. Lyones, Mrs. Klick, Mrs. Yurko and Mrs. Arline Besecker. More ghouls, witches and clowns were on the march, below left.



Federated Women to meet November 13

The November monthly meeting of the Dallas Area Federated Woman's Club will be held Thurs., Nov. 13 at Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate. A menu of heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served.

The women will welcome prospective members and everyone is encouraged to invite a friend. Anyone wishing to attend may call 675-3382 to make a reservation.

Fasting and Prayer gathering to be held

The fourth annual Fasting and Prayer gathering will be held in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas and via satellite, at the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, Hildebrandt Road, Dallas. Come and pray for personal, national and world revival.

The church will be open to anyone interested in attending this event on Wed., Nov. 12 from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.; Thurs., Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Fri., Nov. 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. No babysitting provided.

This event is co-sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ and Missions America.

For more information, call the church office in Dallas at 675-6426.

Lemmond named vice chair of Senate Judiciary Committee

Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr. (R-20) has been appointed vice chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate President Pro Tempore Robert C. Jubelirer (R-30) announced the appointment today in Harrisburg.

Lemmond, a member of the Committee for 12 years, was selected based upon his expertise on issues affecting the judicial system, gained during his tenure as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas and first assistant district attorney in the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office, as well as his continued advocacy for judicial reforms. As part of that effort, Lemmond served as a member of the Senate Impeachment

Trial Committee and took part in proceedings against Supreme Court Justice Rolf Larsen.

The Senator has also taken the lead on a number of other law-and-justice issues, including

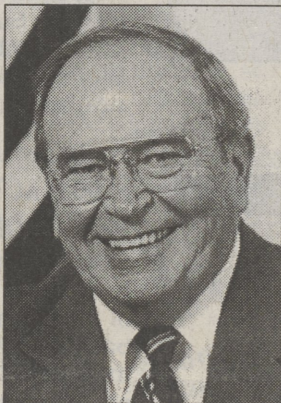
sponsoring a law that provides judges with greater access to juvenile crime reports; developing a major anti-drug law that created tougher penalties for repeat drug offenders; and sponsoring a law establishing sentencing procedures for first-degree murder.

"The Judiciary Committee is a very active panel, and I look forward to assuming a leadership role," Lemmond said.

In addition to taking on his new duties, Lemmond will continue as chairman of the Senate State Government Committee and serve on the committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Finance, and Rules and Executive Nominations.

The Senator is also a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Also, the Ben Franklin/IRC Partnership Board and the Joint State Government Commission's Task Force on Decedents' Estates.



SENATOR LEMMOND

Lehman reminder from tax collector

Lehman Township Tax Collector, Peggy Moyer, reminds all property owners and residents that face value on 1997 school district property and per capita tax bills will end on Thurs., Nov. 13. All payments made prior to the close of the tax collector's office hours and those which arrive postmarked on or before the November 13 deadline will be accepted at face value.

All tax bills will be due at penalty value if made in person or postmarked November 14 through December 9, 1997.

If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the last three days of face value, November 11, 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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ground pool liner. Jenkins debated the terms of the building permit with zoning officer John Krupa. Krupa said, "The only exemptions to applying for a permit are painting of structures and rug or floor covering replacements."

Supervisor John Wilkes Jr. asked if a permit would be required to change a toilet seat or

light bulb, and Krupa said that would be the case under the current ordinance. Krupa said Jenkins' permit would cost about \$25.

The 1998 operating budget, containing no tax increase for 1998 and no outstanding debt was announced. It is available at the municipal building for public inspection.

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