

Fire company forms quick response unit

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firehouse where members can see films of interest to emergency response personnel.

Included in the training films are the latest in firefighting and rescue techniques as well as developments in technology and equipment.

The fact that the programs can be taped and viewed later, or taken home by members to view, is especially useful to those that can not attend training sessions during broadcast.

Some of the training sessions can be followed by mail-in tests to earn credits, as was done by some members recently with a nationally recognized hazardous materials training session.

"This is just another type of training to help our members be more effective," said Chief Rupell.

Of course, training is not useful unless there are members to take advantage of it, and Rupell is concerned about membership. "Our shortage of active members is serious," Rupell said, "especially in light of the fact that as of mid-August we had more alarms than in all of 1991. What makes it worse is

Haycock wins Firefighting Olympics

Despite its relatively few active members, Haycock Township's volunteer fire company has achieved a remarkable record in competition designed to measure firefighting training and readiness.

In mid-August, four company members came home from the Doylestown, Ohio, Firefighting Olympics with the first place award among eight teams from three states. Last year, several Haycock members were part of a team representing four area fire companies that won the same award. In complimenting the team members for their training and dedication, Harold Rupell, fire chief, said they paid their own expenses.

Earlier this year, the same Haycock firefighters were undefeated in the first annual Milford Firefighting Olympics.

that this year we already have had four major fires, including one in which a person died. In all of 1991 we had just one major fire."

"The problem is that many of our active members work outside the township and simply cannot respond," he said.

Rupell, appealing to residents to consider joining the fire company, said that any sort of volunteer help could benefit the company and the community. "We need more people available to fight fires during the daylight hours," he said, "but other types of help also are needed."

Retired residents and others who have vehicle maintenance, secretarial or clerical experience could free active members so

they can devote their time to required firefighting training.

"We also need new members to help out with fund raising activities such as our last-Sunday-of-the-month fire company breakfasts. This support would free others for the many hours of mandatory training, drills, regular company meetings, and committee meetings. These demands," Rupell stressed, "are the reason why we have not been able to conduct more fund raising events."

Any resident who is able to serve in any capacity, including the company's marine rescue unit, is asked to call the firehouse at 536-2224 and leave a message, or call Rupell at 536-5673.

Road construction project completed

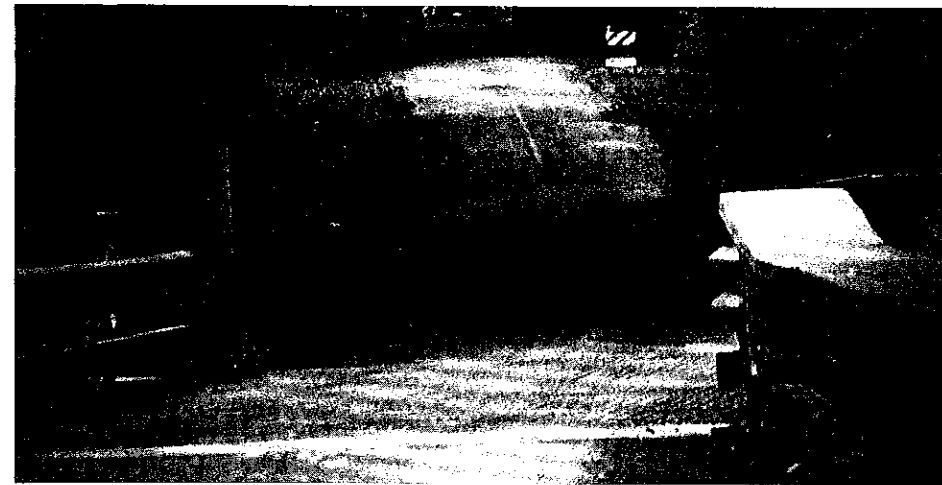
An estimated one-half mile of Roudenbush Road has been reconstructed, widened and repaved under the direction of the township Road Department.

According to Thomas Roeder, roadmaster, the roadway from Old Bethlehem Road to Ash Lane was widened from an average of 15 feet to an average of 18 feet. At the same time, new shoulders were installed and major drainage improvements were made to replace ditches that were inadequate to carry off rainwater.

Township forces also did design work and basic surveying for the project, resulting in additional savings to taxpayers.

When the two months of preparatory work were completed, the Board of Supervisors contracted for paving equipment and a crew to repave the roadway. The township provided stone while the contractor, Asphalt Industries, provided the oil necessary to bind the material.

The project, completed in mid-August, was done at a total cost of under \$40,000.



This is how Roudenbush Road looked before repaving shown in photo on Page 1. Township workers widened the roadway base and made drainage improvements.



This attractive addition to the Township Building houses administrative offices.

Space crunch at Twp. Building is solved by new addition

Things look different around the Haycock township building lately, thanks to the addition of much needed office space.

The Township Supervisors authorized an 800-square foot addition early in 1991. Construction began in August of the same year and was completed by December. Dedication of the addition took place in January of this year.

The original township building had its beginning in the 1960's as a large garage-type structure used to house road maintenance equipment. As time went by, about one third of the building was renovated with improvements consisting of a heating system, rest rooms, a small office, and a larger room for township meetings.

In more recent years, especially during the latter part of the 1980's, the need for more space was becoming apparent. The small office was overflowing. File cabinets and computer terminals were spilling into the meeting room.

In addition to providing offices for the zoning officer, secretary/treasurer, and roadmaster, the new wing has a reception area and a conference area. Desks that had been in the public meeting room are now back where they belong and the 180-square foot former office serves as a file room.

Many tasks during the construction project were done by township personnel. Other work was done by local contractors. "By using local contractors, we got quality work at a reasonable price," said Roadmaster Thomas Roeder. "The supervisors felt it was very important to use local craftsmen and building supply houses whenever possible so our spending of local tax dollars would be done close to home."

"We're all very proud of this addition," Roeder said, "and we invite township residents to stop by to see it." The total cost for the entire project, including new office furniture, was less than \$38,900.

Meeting Directory

Board of Supervisors	First and third Mondays	8 P.M.
Planning Commission	Second Monday	7:30 P.M.
Zoning Hearing Board	Meets at the call of the chairman	

All meetings are held at the Township Building, 640 Harrisburg School Road.

Good response to recycling by residents

The Haycock Township recycling program has been very successful according to Township Roadmaster Thomas Roeder. "We have had a very good response from the public in getting this program off and running" he reported.

The Township Supervisors decided to get involved in the recycling effort when grant money became available in 1989 to fund local recycling programs. Although Haycock is not required by state law to have mandatory recycling, the supervisors started a voluntary program in response to public interest.

The township recycling facility accepts clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars, newspapers and aluminum cans.

Although the program is a success it is not trouble free. "Most of the people that use the center read the signs and respect the rules," says Roeder, "however, some people try to recycle items that we cannot accept."

The worst of the unacceptable items are window glass, ceramics and light bulbs. When these items are mixed in, it contaminates the entire load which then must be taken to a landfill at considerable cost.

Other items that will not be accepted are plastics, steel cans and magazines.

The township recycling facility, at 640 Harrisburg School Road, is well lighted and open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Seniors organization invites new members

Haycock Township's Senior Citizens Organization meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except January and February) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Applebachsville. Summer picnics are held at Lake Towhee County Park.

Township residents over 55 years of age are welcome to join the organization's current 35 active members. For information contact the Township Building at 536-3641.

Phone Numbers

Emergency Calls	
Police, Fire, Ambulance	9-1-1
Non-emergency	
State Police - Dublin	249-9191
Firehouse	536-2224
Township Building	536-3641
Zoning Officer	536-3641
Tax Collector (real estate)	536-7870
Tax Collector (earned income)	536-4253

Haycock Township Report

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There's nothing left where Danneltown stood

(First in a series of articles on the history and legends of Haycock Township.)

Today the northern edge of Haycock Mountain remains much as it was when the first settlers (mostly Irish, followed by Germans) arrived in the early 1730s.

But for at least 30 years before and after the Civil War, along Stony Garden Road, there was Danneltown.

It wasn't much of a village, but in 1870—when the entire township population was just 1,250—any settlement of more than a few homes was of considerable importance. Such was Danneltown, named for Irish brothers Hiram and Jesse O'Dannel.

The brothers built several one-story, one-door, one-window log cabins along the road on land they apparently acquired by squatters rights (either that or those who had owned the isolated, rocky land really didn't care much about it).

Despite the apparent lack of an economic base, the village grew. Sometime after the Civil War, Danneltown and the rest of rugged Haycock Mountain gained a measure of fame even beyond

Bucks County as a fashionable picnicking site.

"Bucks County Place Names" refers to the "quaintly squalid" settlement with its Sunday night prayer meetings and dances—both presided over by the brothers O'Dannel.

Whether there would be prayer or fiddling and carrying on apparently depended on the prevailing mood of these founders of the community.

Little else is known of the strange little village other than that most of its young people drifted away in search of jobs and better lives.

Finally, in 1880, life in the village ended. Most of those who had remained packed their meager belongings on donkeys and home-made carts drawn by dogs and goats.

Danneltown's last remaining cabin crumbled in ruins about 45 years ago. All that remains of that final cabin is a sketch that is in the possession of the Bucks County Historical Society.

Source: Bucks County Place Names.

'Didn't plan it,' Nancy Yodis says of her 20 years in public service

Little did Nancy Yodis realize when she agreed to go to work as deputy to Haycock Tax Collector Louise Castor in 1972 that 20 years later she would be so deeply involved in local government.

"I didn't plan it," she said, "it was just that positions in the Haycock Township governmental structure became available and I was fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time."

When illness forced Castor to give up her tax collecting position, Nancy was appointed by the Bucks County Court to complete the remainder of Castor's term. Nancy was later elected to a full term as tax collector. In 1978 when her term expired, she chose not to seek re-election.

That same year she was hired by the Quakertown School District as census coordinator for Haycock. In 1982 she was appointed as zoning officer by the Board of Supervisors, and held both positions until 1986 when she was offered the appointment of township secretary/treasurer.

Nancy's extensive experience and working knowledge of most aspects of local government made her the logical candidate for the job.

Nancy's duties are far ranging and varied. As secretary she takes and records minutes of all supervisor's meetings, files reports to various government agencies, and keeps all general records related to the everyday operation of the township.

As treasurer, Nancy's responsibilities include budget preparation, payment of bills, and administration of multiple township

accounts. Perhaps her most important duty is serving as liaison between the elected supervisors and township residents. Of the supervisors, Nancy stressed that all three are "veterans who know and understand the complex business of local government, and who work together very well."

The Haycock native, a graduate of Quakertown Community High School, married Barry Yodis 28 years ago. They have one son, Randy, an analytical chemist who lives in Lancaster County.

In her spare time, Nancy and her husband pursue their mutual interests, traveling to antique shows, car shows, and folk art shows. Of special interest to Nancy is visiting sites that are significant to her love of American history.

Her most recent pursuit is a study of the Shaker people and their history.

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Contract is awarded for removal of tanks at Township Building

The Board of Supervisors has awarded a contract for the removal of two underground fuel tanks at the Township Building and a contract to another firm for the installation of above ground tanks.

The two existing tanks—a 500-gallon capacity tank for diesel fuel and a 240-gallon tank for gasoline—were not causing any problems but the supervisors noted that the state plans to crackdown on underground tanks which could result in penalties.

The two new tanks will be made of steel and placed within a steel chamber to contain any leaks.

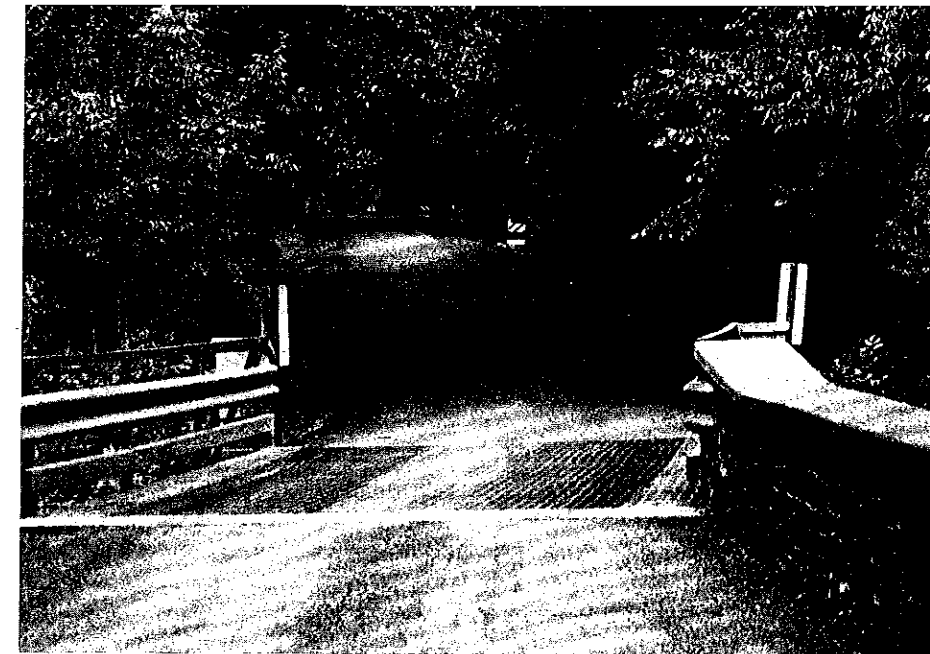
Donnelly Contracting Corp. of Newtown was the low bidder at \$5,700 to remove the tanks and any contaminated soil that is found while Boyco Petroleum Services of Whitehall will install the new tanks for \$4,121.

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This is a portion of the one-half-mile stretch of Roudenbush Road that was reconstructed during the summer. The roadway from Old Bethlehem Pike to Ash Lane also was widened in conjunction with drainage improvements at a cost of less than \$40,000. Story, and a "before" photo are on Page 2.

A report to the citizens

In its continuing effort to improve communications between residents and their township government, the Board of Supervisors has inaugurated this newsletter.

The Board feels strongly that those who pay the bill for local government are entitled to an accounting as to what is being done with their tax dollars as well as a regular report on township activities.

The newsletter will contain articles discussing services provided by the township, reminding residents of various ordinances for the public good, and reporting actions taken by the Supervisors. The Supervisors are keenly aware that new residents may not know how a township operates. Therefore we will use the newsletter as an educational tool as well. Your suggestions and comments regarding the newsletter are welcomed. The Supervisors hope this newsletter will provide you with essential information.

Survey asks opinions on cable service

In preparation for the opening of negotiations on a new cable television contract, the Board of Supervisors is seeking residents' opinions on costs, levels of service and program availability.

It is estimated that close to 70 percent of township households have cable television. The opinions and experiences of residents who have cable TV will assist the Supervisors as they begin negotiations in November on a new contract.

The questionnaire appears in this newsletter as an insert. Families served by cable TV are asked to respond fully to all questions. When the questionnaire is completed, please fold it as indicated and mail it to the Township Building, 640 Harrisburg School Road, Quakertown, Pa. 18951.

According to Kathleen M. Babb, Board of Supervisors chairman, "Residents' experiences with cable TV are going to be important in our negotiations because the agreement that we ultimately sign is going to dictate cable service programming and cost to our residents."

Site for recyclables sought

Since the county has gotten out of the recycling business, the township has been forced to look for a new location to take the cans and bottles that are placed in the township recycling bins.

As a temporary move, the items will be taken to a site in Northampton County while the supervisors look for a closer venue.

Fire company quick response unit speeds medical aid

The Haycock Volunteer Fire Company is a highly motivated and highly trained group of township residents who are dedicated to the protection of lives and property. Evidence of this is shown by the constant improvement of training programs and recent accomplishments achieved by the members of Station 63.

The newest service started just this fall, is the Quick Response Service, or QRS. This service is being instituted to supplement regular ambulance service offered by

the Riegelsville and Quakertown ambulance corps.

Ten fire company members have completed training for this special unit that will provide first response to medical emergencies. "This squad", says Fire Chief Harold Rupell, "will be the first on the scene of an emergency. Members will provide treatment within the limits of their training and, equally important, assess a patient's condition and relay that information to the oncoming ambulance."

This will give the ambulance personnel the advantage of knowing the patient's condition and save valuable minutes in determining the appropriate treatment, the chief added.

In another effort to provide up-to-date training, Haycock Fire Company was recently the first company in Bucks County to connect into the Fire Emergency Television Network. FETN broadcasts via satellite from Texas and is received at the

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