

Lake-Lehman Jointure Still Up In The Air

Ownership Of New Building Poses Knotty Question

A show of hands at Thursday night's meeting of Lehman-Jackson-Ross and Lake-Noxen school directors, indicated that Lehman, Ross and Noxen are in favor of a larger jointure, Lake and Jackson undecided.

Who would own the proposed new high school, was one of the sticking points.

Another was that Lake and Noxen would necessarily bear the expense of erecting the building, as Lehman is currently paying off a building authority bond issue by rentals which will still be in effect for thirty-five years, and Ross is heavily obligated by its recent building program at Sweet Valley. "Let's Have a Dinner."

If the proposed building is erected in the center of population, Charles Williams of Lake pointed out, construction would take place in Lehman Township. That, he said, would be very much like the classic, "Let's have a duck dinner, you bring the duck." The duck would be indigestible to Lake taxpayers.

Article III of the proposed agreement, he said, leaves the kind of school to be erected, in considerable doubt. What we want, he continued, is a senior high school. With neither of the jointures meeting standards set by Harrisburg, the accent should be on senior high school. Later, he said that the less spent on buildings, the more would remain for education.

Attorney Charles Miner, clarifying a question raised by Noxen school directors, said that the district was worried because it feared the elementary school might be eliminated, and Noxen children sent by bus to Lake or Lehman.

All five boards agreed that existing elementary schools should remain where they are unless population should take such a drop that it proves impossible financially to create such a school.

Wesley Davies, Luzerne County office, said 180 is minimum enrollment required for building of a new elementary school, and that existing schools could drop below this figure considerably before any action would be considered.

Robert Belles, supervising principal of Lake-Noxen, said that even if enrollment dropped to 100 at Noxen, and there were no other place for the children to be housed, there'd be a school in Noxen.

Mr. Davies urged board members not to tie their hands for the future by being too specific, but to state the goal of jointure in general terms to allow latitude for the unforeseen. Thirty-five or forty years, he said, is a long time. The entire picture might well change unbelievably in that period.

The survey team from Harrisburg, he said, would have the last word in estimating the need.

The State would not permit a district to take on more obligation than it could swing.

Attorney William Valentine, analyzing the financial picture and probing into the proportion of the Lehman-Jackson-Ross jointure borne by each of its component parts, said that it would be difficult to arrive at an equitable adjustment. To a suggestion from Noxen that everything might be thrown into one pot for all five districts, he agreed with Mr. Davies that the only way this could be done was by forming a Union District, probably not feasible at this time.

Lain Coolbaugh, speaking for Jackson, said that his board would need more time for discussion before voting the jointure. Charles Williams said his board felt the same way.

The meeting broke up at 11:30 for ham sandwiches and coffee, with the bleak feeling on the part of all members that everybody was being pushed around, but that jointure was probably inevitable.

Attorneys went into a huddle to iron out the wording of articles III and IV, dealing with school buildings and capital outlay, to whip them into a form in line with the evening's discussion.

Mimeographed copies of the revised agreement will be sent to individual boards for signature or refusal.

Goss Manor Association Erects Entrance Planter

New Goss Manor Homeowners' Association has erected an attractive entrance planter at the intersection of Grandview Avenue and Hillcrest Avenue and Route 309. Eventually a rustic sign will be located there.

The attractive brick planter on concrete base was laid by Donald Hughes and Henry Ward

United Fund Leaders Map Back Mountain Campaign



Leaders of the United Fund campaign for one of the two Back Mountain areas met this week to map plans for the October health and welfare appeal. The Back Mountain area traditionally plays a major role in all community-wide endeavors. Pictured above at the home of Mrs. John M. Robinson, Jr., of Idetown Road, Huntsville, are United Fund volunteers: seated, left to right, Mrs. William Conyngham and Mrs. Robinson, area chairmen; Mrs. John G. Ruggles, chairman of the West Metropolitan Division; Mrs. Edward Dorrance, Franklin; Mrs. George Jacobs, Shavertown; standing, from left, Mrs. Lester B. Squier, Lehman; Mrs. Robert

Maturi, Jackson; Mrs. Richard Prynne, Carverton; George Guthrie Conyngham, UF campaign chairman; Mrs. Warren Bidwell, Carverton; Mrs. Robert Ray, Shavertown; and Mrs. Charles Brooke, Trucks-ville. In addition to Back Mountain, the United Fund appeal covers the entire Wyoming Valley, Nanticoke and Pittston. The campaign is for the support of 59 health and welfare agencies. United Fund goal is \$1,334,955. The drive will open Monday, October 8, and continue through October 30. More than 4,000 volunteer workers are taking part in the effort.

Lenthall Buys Maine Theatre

Franklyn Lenthall, a graduate of Lake-Township High School and formerly a resident of Harveys Lake, and two associates have purchased the Boothbay Playhouse at Boothbay, Maine. Mr. Lenthall is the brother of Walbridge Lenthall of the Harveys Lake Police Force and when he lived at Harveys Lake made his home with the Rev. Guy A. Lenthall, who was pastor of the Alderson Methodist Church. Rev. Lenthall is now pastor of the Wyoming Methodist Church.

Boothbay Playhouse was built in 1937 and has operated for nineteen seasons. It is a beautifully equipped theatre seating 314 people. Included in the property are 56 acres, a



FRANKLYN LENTHALL, 200-year-old sea captain's house, a large cottage, three-car garage and apartment.

Associates of Mr. Lenthall are James Wilmot and Miss Jill McAnney. Mr. Lenthall will direct, Miss McAnney will be general manager, and Mr. Wilmot will be scenic designer.

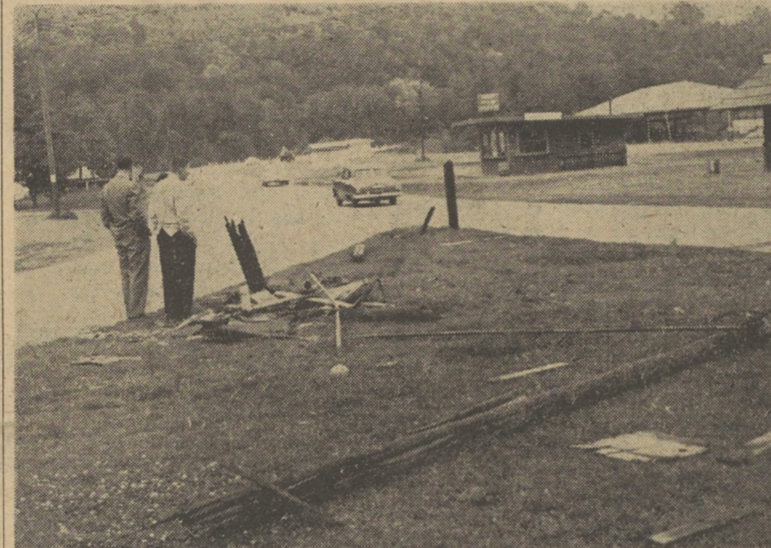
Mr. Wilmot appeared with the Lenthall Players when they did an evening of one-act plays for the Women's Auxiliary of the Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company at Harveys Lake several seasons ago. He is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and for eight years has worked as scenic designer and actor in off-Broadway theatres and in summer stock.

Miss McAnney is the daughter of an editor of the New York World-Telegram. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr and has appeared in Broadway shows with Helen Hayes and Jose Ferrer as well as in summer theatres.

Mr. Lenthall has appeared in Hollywood movies and well as in many summer theatres and in the past year has made several television appearances. For five years he was a member of the faculty of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and a teacher in the Katherine Long School sponsored by the Metropolitan Opera Association. For six years he has been director of one of New York's best off-Broadway groups, the Lenthall Players. He also has a studio at Steinway Hall in New York City where he teaches private classes in acting. Many of his students are in current Broadway shows.

Mr. Lenthall plans to open his season at Boothbay on July 4, 1957 and will produce nine plays in all.

Early Morning Crash Destroys Pump House



Pete Ambrose of Circle Inn and his son survey damage done to a Dallas Water Company pump and a service pole by Leonard E. Radziak, 20, Nanticoke, whose 1956 Plymouth sedan crashed into this traffic island at Sunset, Harveys Lake, last Sunday morning. Leslie Warhola, manager of Dallas Water Company estimated damage to the pump and pump house at more than \$500. Radziak and his three passengers were only slightly injured. Damage to the car was extensive.

Speeding Car Destroys Pump House; Overtakes In Early Sunday Crash

Leonard E. Radziak, 20, 163 Pine Street, Nanticoke, and his three companions miraculously escaped serious injury shortly after 2:30 Sunday morning when the 1956 Plymouth sedan which he was driving at an excessive rate of speed crashed into a traffic island at Harveys Lake and overturned.

The car, owned by his mother, skidded several hundred feet, broke off a directional sign, and service pole and demolished a pump house and pump owned by Dallas Water Company before rolling over and coming to rest on its top with wheels revolving in the air.

Radziak's companions were Anthony Krechko, 21, 150 Pine Street, Nanticoke; Albert Franks, 19, 169 Pine Street, Nanticoke; and Dety Kratz, 20, 246 Vine Street, Plymouth.

Pete Ambrose who lives at Circle Inn directly opposite the island, says there have been innumerable accidents at the same spot because of improper illumination. Sunday morning was foggy and the driver who he estimated was driving at about 45 miles an hour could not see the dividing strip.

Another neighbor, however, said that his wife heard the car roar over the hill and down toward the

Butch's Tail Is Still Wagging, But This Week He Can Sit On It

Twenty-four days after he was stung by yellow jackets and paralyzed, "Butch," a forlorn German Shepherd puppy, is making good progress at Dr. R. C. Post's small animal hospital in Shavertown where he is a favorite patient.

Able to lift himself on his front legs now, "Butch" is eating a regular diet, drinks all by himself, and "barks quite a little." His hind legs are still paralyzed, but the puncture wounds where he was fed for so long intravenously are healing nicely. And, Oh, . . . that tail, it never wagged more joyfully than it did last Friday when "Butch" first lifted himself painfully on his front legs.

Tavern Keepers Organize Boycott Against Back Mountain Merchants

Borough Council Commends Police For Road Blocks

Not Awed By Threat Of Boycott Or Any Outside Influence

A resolution commending its police committee for the enforcement of traffic laws and instructing the police to continue road blocks in their current campaign to remove drunken drivers from the highways was approved Monday night by Dallas Borough Council over the objections of Councilmen Sterling Williams and Harold Brobst.

Council and all others attending the meeting were not awed by the prospect of a tavern keepers' boycott of Back Mountain business places, and Dallas merchants in particular.

The subject of the boycott was first presented by Mr. Brobst who said that he did not think that roadblocks were the proper method for apprehending offenders. Mr. Williams expressed a similar opinion. While both men said they believed something should be done, neither had any suggestions when asked by Borough President Joseph MacVeigh for alternative suggestions.

Councilman Raymon Hedden asked for a report from the police committee and at its completion offered the resolution approving its action and continued operation of road blocks in cooperation with the police of other Back Mountain townships.

Among the spectators who spoke in favor of the current campaign were Robert Laux, Back Mountain rector, who said it would be folly to discontinue the campaign.

Chief of Police Russell Honeywell said: "You have only to rap on the door of a family home early in the morning and tell a mother that her son is dead in a highway accident to know that parents are for this campaign."

Others who spoke for the continuance of the drive were: John Jeter, Borough engineer; Nelson Shaver, Justice of the Peace; Nort Berti, fire chief; Atty. Roscoe B. Smith, solicitor; Howard Risley, editor of The Dallas Post; Robert Brown, secretary; police committee members Joseph Jewell and Fred Welsh, and many others.

While the subject of police activity came late in the meeting it was by far the most important matter on the agenda.

Other Business

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$10,982.18 on September 4 with income as follows: taxes, A. R. Dungey \$479.11; taxes, Luzerne County treasurer \$76.31; fines, Leonard Harvey \$5; Nelson Shaver \$40; rent for State Liquor Store \$100; rent Wertman for garage and apartment \$56.50, giving a balance of \$11,739.10, less 25 checks paid, leaving a balance on October 1 of \$6,849.01. Balance in the Motor Tax fund on September 4 was \$1,510.51 less seven checks paid leaving a balance of \$910.33 on October 4.

Secretary Robert Brown presented copies of the Budget showing that Council is staying well within it for the first three-quarters of the year.

Building permits amounting to \$24,940 were approved as follows: Charles Brobst, dwelling Pinecrest Avenue, \$9,000; Bernard Buckman, Parrish Street, \$600; Robert Post, Center Hill Road, garage, \$3,000; James Lacy, Terrace Drive, improvements, \$10,600; Frank Michael, Michael Street, \$1,400; Arthur Miller, Huntsville Road, new roof, \$300.

Secretary Brown read a letter from Kathleen Evans Brooks of Wyoming Valley Visiting Nurse Association thanking Council for its recent contribution.

Two letters, one from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dennis and one from Frank Goodlavage saying that they were not satisfied with the service of Dallas Water Company were referred to the Borough Solicitor.

An insurance binder placed on new street equipment for \$99.33 by Harry Ohlman was approved. A letter from Mr. Ohlman relative to compensation insurance on borough police was also read.

To a question from Borough President MacVeigh asking if all Borough insurance is placed with agents living in the Borough, Mr. Williams replied that he had placed a policy, on his own authority, with the George Montgomery Company. Council approved the action.

Raymond Titus, Dean Ide and William Berti were hired as auxiliary police at \$1.10 per hour on motion of Councilman Fred Welsh, their services are to be used only when none of the regular police officers are available.

Back Mountain merchants were this week faced with a boycott organized by a number of Harveys Lake tavern keepers who claim that their businesses are being harmed by the police campaign to keep drunken drivers off the highways.

First to feel the pinch of the movement led by "Pete" Ambrose of the Circle Inn was the State Liquor Store in Dallas. The manager Warren Reed was warned that the dealers will go to Luzerne to buy their supplies if the police blockade continues.

Some who felt the pressure were Whitesell Brothers lumber yard and retail store at Idetown, Back Mountain Lumber Company, Caddie LaBar, Hislop's Market, and Kuehn's Drug Store. There were others who also felt the economic squeeze.

At Hislop's Market, six Harveys Lake customers cancelled their orders on Saturday explaining that since Dallas merchants are apparently indifferent to or actively supporting the safe driving campaign they cannot expect any business from the taverns.

At Caddie LaBar's, Jack Nothoff, proprietor of Nothoff's Cafe cancelled an order for a pair of rubber boots, while at Whitesell Brothers a Harveys Lake customer asked for his bill, paid it, and requested that his name be taken from the ledger explaining that he would take his business elsewhere so long as the safe driving campaign continues.

Crux of the matter, according to one Harveys Lake tavern keeper who has not yet joined the boycott, is that business has been poor all summer and now that police have started their campaign against drunken driving it is even worse. "We did not have a single Wilkes-Barre customer last Saturday night" he said. "Others telephoned me and said 'now that you've got police road blocks out there, we'll see you next summer.'"

He said that while he believes the police campaign may have some educational value, it prevents the moderate drinker from coming to the lake for an evening's recreation and food. "These folks just don't want to be stopped by the police even though they have taken only one or two drinks and are in no danger of being arrested."

He said he realized that the innocent suffer for the indiscretions of others, but "it hurts."

Another Harveys Lake resident who did not want to be quoted blamed the predicament of the tavern keepers on the past policy of Luzerne County Courts in granting liquor licenses to all who apply for them. "We have some thirty licensed places here," he said. "That's too many for all of them to make a living without some of them keeping open after hours and on Sundays. In the past the courts have held that it is impossible to determine the summer time population at the lake and so licenses have been granted indiscriminately." He added "The Liquor Control Board could remedy this situation if it really wanted to."

Reports from outlying sections of the Back Mountain Region indicate that the Harveys Lake tavern owners are making efforts to have Dallas Township, Franklin Township, Lehman and Kingston Townships join them in the boycott.

With but few exceptions, merchants did not appear to be awed by the threat. In the words of one of them, "common sense dictates that something has to be done about drinking drivers. A boycott can work two ways and in this instance it will crystallize public opinion for even sterner measures to keep the drunks off the road."

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He said that he will keep all eight alleys open all day Saturday and Sunday for open play by the public and that he hopes that youth will take advantage of the opportunity for good clean sport.

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Kingston Township Supervisors Are Ready To Support Blockade

"Why doesn't Kingston Township cooperate in the Back Mountain road block?" was the direct question put before the supervisors by Thomas Andrew, Shavertown taxpayer, at Wednesday night's meeting.

After considerable discussion, much of it heated argument, as to the reasons why cooperation had not been offered earlier, Supervisor Harry Bogart moved that "we cooperate with the Back Mountain in the movement to make our highway more safe". The motion was seconded by Supervisor Arthur Smith.

However, no specific instructions were issued to police chief, Jesse Coslett or police officer, Herbert Updyke as to the amount of time or the extent of cooperation they were to extend other townships in the drunken driving campaign.

Coslett stated he felt it would be unjustified for the supervisors to order the present small police force to put in more hours because he and officer Updyke are now putting in an average of twelve to fourteen work hours a day.

Thomas Andrew suggested that special officers could be utilized during the blockade as they are by other police forces concerned.

Supervisor Smith mentioned that more drunken drivers could be apprehended at Hillside, near Harter's Dairy, than at any other location and that the Kingston Township police were already doing a good job in arresting drunken drivers.

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