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MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

TEN CENTS



Lake-Lehman High School students David Cook, Jim Ryan and Jim Fisk set up Christmas display during what looked like a sunny afternoon.

photo by Kozemchak

Dallas school board seeks water solution

Dallas school directors expressed concern over the water situation in the Trucksville schools and wondered how long it would be necessary to use bottled water to protect the health of the students.

The current crisis, which had been repeated earlier, placed the Board under obligation to provide water for drinking purposes other than that coming out of the spigots.

Water is now being purchased from the Glen Summit Water Company with the expenditure amounting to \$275.35 for the month of November.

Directors are billing Trucksville Water Company for a two month supply to date.

Earl Fritzes, chairman of the board, wanted to know how long the district was to put up with the condition which has harassed hundreds of consumers throughout the Trucksville school.

Director Harry Lefko said, "We cannot take a chance during this potential danger" and Jack LaBerge asked for a clarification from Trucksville Water Company on the situation.

In the meantime, samples are being checked weekly to determine the bacterial count.

Harry Swepton was reappointed to the Dallas School Authority for a term of five years.

Chairman Fritzes moved that a letter of commendation be sent to him for his loyal, conscientious, and dedicated service to the District.

A number of residents were in attendance from Harris Street, which lies atop the Roushey Plot sector. They are seeking closer bus transportation for their children, who they claim face danger walking down the curving hill to Demunds Road, where they board the school bus.

Laura Thomas was spokesman. A bus which comes up Center Street in Shavertown was suggested as the solution, continuing on to the area involved. Negotiation of Roushey Plot Hill is considered unsafe.

Jack LaBerge remarked that these people had appeared three times on the situation, that the board have a layout of the area presented and that information be forthcoming.

William Austin, in charge of the routes, said there are twenty spur routes and all would seek transportation if it were granted to one group.

He reported there are 1800 children in the elementary grades, 800 of whom walk to school. Buses are not contracted to hit back streets. The state reimburses the Dallas District for transportation of those students who live within a one and a half mile radius. Board met Monday evening on the issue.

It was also reported that the bus driver in the Roushey Plot sector was still backing up onto Demunds Road.

Michael Evans, Brock Phillips, Lindsey Sherwood and Donald Voelker will participate in the P.M.E.A. Northeast District Band on January 23, 24 and 25 at Wyoming Valley West High School.

Inadequate connections providing heat to the Annex at Dallas Junior High School were reported to be taking heat away from one side of the main building.

Gar Smith was asked to have a gas company check on a separate heating unit for the Annex. Bernard Novicki said a boiler can only take care of the area intended for its facilities.

Earl Fritzes and Andrew Kozemchak had checked the problem.

Don Smith, architect, suggested the board act on color of water tank to be installed at the high school and any lettering other than the words Dallas was opposed by board members. Dallas Water Company had asked to include this on the tank.

A plaque for the new junior high school was also approved. The new building is behind

schedule by two months, reported Mr. Smith. Mr. LaBerge said he hoped dedication could be held September 3 or 4 of next year.

Milton Evans, property chairman, advised that some utensils in the high school cafeteria be changed to handle more adequate proportions.

Resignation of Mrs. Carol Sitar, art teacher, was accepted effective December 31. Junior Elementary Education Majors from College Misericordia will be allowed to serve as teachers' aides in the elementary schools from February 17 to May 2. Fifty girls will participate.

Employees Blue Shield Insurance will be changed from A and B plan to the prevailing fee plan effective January 1.

Regular Session for the School Board during the months of January and February will be changed to Monday evenings due to scheduled basketball games on the regular meeting nights, January 12th and February 9 were the dates set.

The most immediate attention, he said, was to expedite a solution.

Concerning the resolution setting up a water commission, Atty. Jones said the board cannot grant full authority under the second class township code. Recommendations and in-

Placed on the approved substitute list were two names: Mrs. Susan Reese of Shavertown, RD 5, and Mrs. Mary Folger of Lehman.

Mrs. Martha Smith was given permission to attend the Design and Drafting Workshop December 11 at the George Washington Motor Lodge, King of Prussia.

Supervising Principal Robert Z. Belles was voted authority to attend the annual meeting of School Administration in Atlantic City February 16-19, and Anthony Marchakitus, high school principal, to attend the meeting of National Association of Secondary School Principals in San Francisco, March 1 to 5.

George Stolarick, slated for office in the National Association of Educational Secretaries, was voted permission to accept a two-year term of office as a director, his expenses not to exceed \$300 per year.

Director Kern questioned the cost to the Board, including absence from his post in Lehman at such times as he would be obliged to travel. Mr. Stolarick is willing to contribute part of his vacation time to the project, and handle his own travelling expenses.

The board was cognizant of the honor done Mr. Stolarick by the national association.

Exonerations from per capita tax were considered, action postponed.

Keith Bicking, whose family

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state moves toward tighter control of Harveys Lake

In an effort to prohibit absolute private control of Harveys Lake and since increasing development, which if uncontrolled could adversely affect the recreational aspects of this popular resort, the state Water and Power Resources Board has adopted a new resolution.

The resolution will also control the issuance of permits for new docks, repairs, and establish an annual charge applicable to both existing and future docks.

Although the Pennsylvania Department of Forest and Waters does own the lake bed itself, all shoreline property is not in its hands.

Harveys Lake has witnessed a great expansion and many residents or part time dwellers have built out into the waters without permit.

Representative Frank O'Connell says the Department plans to provide public facilities in several sectors, among them Warden Place and Sunset.

Headed that every other lake is controlled by the Commonwealth and the State has an obligation to provide recreational sites for its people.

In prior dock building, permits in the amount of \$30 were forthcoming and issued by the Department of Forest and Waters.

The new charge for private, community or cooperative docks will be \$5 per 100 square feet within a minimum fee of \$5 per year. In the case of commercial docks or marinas the department will charge \$10 per 100 square feet or a minimum of \$10 per year.

All charges become effective January 1, 1969.

Further specifications state that the docks shall not extend more than fifty feet from the shoreline; width of dock platforms shall not exceed ten feet and length of dock, parallel to shoreline, shall not exceed 25 feet.

No more superstructures may be built on the docks, these in the past having contributed to the increase of sewage flow into the lake waters. Permits will only be issued to property owners of the shoreline.

Permits previously issued to persons not owning property on the shoreline will not be transferred should there be a change in ownership in the dock by said permit.

Community, cooperative docks and marinas will be reviewed for adherence to the new regulations.

John Stenger, secretary of Harveys Lake Borough Council, remarked on hearing of the new resolution, adopted October 8, that many present dock owners will no longer allow fishermen to use their facilities since yearly fees must now be paid.

Recreational areas are to be provided in the near future and the Lake will be preserved for the public in general.

early issues

The Dallas Post will publish early for the Christmas and New Year issues. Deadline for news will be at noon on Saturday preceding the holidays.

Kingston Twp. has 9 water companies

Nine water companies abound in Kingston Township, it was announced at a meeting of the supervisors last week. Information was forthcoming from the PUC.

Attorney Merton Jones, special counsel, reported he had submitted a complaint from the board to the PUC. Refusal to enter property of Trucksville Water Company was noted and Atty. Jones said this may place the utility problem confronting many residents in a new position, that of refusal to cooperate.

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regulation are prerequisites, he stated, if the commission is to have any authority at all. The commission will collect and correlate complaints for summarizing in its recommendations to the supervisors.

He said he was almost certain that the PUC would succeed in bringing the trouble to a successful conclusion.

Michael Kester, who had been denied his approval for building a multi-dwelling in the Harris Hill Road section of the former Stegmaier Farm, argued for acceptance of his request.

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Little girls do their bit in helping to decorate the Christmas tree at Trucksville Fire Company.

Photo by Kozemchak

hunter lost in Noxen mountains is found

An intrepid sportsman with an uncanny knowledge of local mountain trails knew just where to look for a lost deer hunter on Sunday.

Carl Hackling, 45, Noxen, again brought out the object of his search just he had done 15 years ago when two young Boy Scouts were given up for lost.

Guida Bussalon, Hazleton, visiting with relatives in Swyersville, left Saturday morning with three companions to hunt in the Gamelands behind Noxen.

Last seen at 4:15 that afternoon, the men became alarmed and early Sunday morning

asked Noxen residents to help find their friend. Bitter cold temperatures and high winds added to their fears for his safety.

Calvin Strohl, fire chief, blew the fire siren at 8 a.m., to alert men of the town that help was needed. The top of the mountain range lay ten miles up from the former tannery community.

As the group figured where to look, Carl Hackling decided on action. Taking Carl Siglin, Jr., and Dickie Newell along with him in his pickup truck, Mr. Hackling headed for the old C.C. road and it was there that he met a nearly frozen Bussalon coming out of the mountains.

Upon seeing his rescuers, Mr. Bussalon immediately apologized for the trouble he had caused the searchers. The young hunter had spent the night with temperatures hovering around zero without heat.

He said he had tried to keep a campfire going but the strong

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Eleven and thirteen years of age at the time, the two boys became separated from the rest of the troop led by Scoutmaster Walter Bronson.

Although search parties combed the area, it was Mr. Hackling who found the lads at Beth Run and returned them to happy parents. The scouts had wandered eight miles from where they disappeared and were huddled around a campfire at a time when cold weather had already descended upon the region.

Visitors to Noxen, who get a chance to traverse the mountains there, may come upon Mr. Hackling, who thoroughly enjoys the winter weather and can be found aboard his snowmobile traveling with pleasure atop the difficult terrain, when most folks prefer the warmth of their firesides.

Materials needed for making two luminaries are: two regular size lunch bags, preferably 6 lb.; two 4 inch utility candles or equivalent; two thumb tacks, and two pieces of cardboard to fit the bottom of the bags.

Thumb-tack candle to cardboard at center; roll paper bag down from top about two laps (2 to 3 inches); place candle on cardboard in bottom of bag, cover bottom with sand, gravel or dirt to weight down.

At 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the luminaries are placed at curbs in front of homes and candles are lit.

When daylight broke he set out to find his way back to civilization and was most happy to meet Mr. Hackling who took him home and gave him warm food after joining his friends.

Mr. Bussalon promised if the rescue party was ever lost he would be the first to offer his services.

Mr. Hackling, who numbers among his associates some of the most prominent sports writers in the nation, is a bear and bobcat hunter and travels often to Maine to bring down a splendid trophy. Modest and unassuming, Hackling is considered Noxen's top hunter.

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landfill closed

Harveys Lake Landfill will be closed both Christmas and New Year's Day due to regular opening scheduled for Wednesdays. Lake Township Supervisors authorized the closing.



Jill Kush and Janice Demmy, Girl Scouts of Troops 636 and 640 respectively, demonstrate at Trucksville for the George Dunn family, Elmcrest, the proper way to make and utilize "luminaries," a Mexican tradition.

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