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citizens protest water rates

Several citizens protested the recent increase of water rates to Trucksville Water Co. consumers at a meeting of Kingston Township supervisors last week.

Jacob Harrison informed supervisors that Trucksville Water Company rates to consumers had risen from 150 to 300 percent, that another increase was slated and that this was imposing a hardship on those on Social Security.

Another resident, William Moss, said some widows were living on an awfully small income and many were not at home all the time to use the service.

Mr. Harrison wanted to know if there was any savings to be made if the people requested meters and was informed by Louis Ranier that meters won't help. He said there is a flat rate and a spigot rate.

Russell Lahr, a customer of Shavertown Water Company, said he had received notice that installation costs would be borne by property owners. He said he had called the company and they did not know what the cost would be. "Why should we pay for another installation?" he asked. He said he had also asked for more data on the subject but had not received any prior to the supervisor's meeting.

"Everyone," said Mr. Harrison, "wants to know why we have to pay for the water pipes before they are put in." LaRoy Ziegler, chairman of the board of supervisors, asked that all water problems be referred to the Kingston Township Water Commission.

Intensified training by the township police was noted by police commissioner Richard Mathers, who reported William

Pugh was attending fingerprint and traffic code school taught by the State Police, and Chief Updyke and Clifford Culver were taking training at the Veterans Hospital for Mental Patients. All are taking First Aid courses also, he said most of it on their own time.

Edward Carey, representing Kingston Township Ambulance Association, and Shavertown Fire Company, asked for more data on the communications

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girl nabbed for school bomb threat

A 15 year old Kingston Township girl was apprehended by police Thursday afternoon for placing a bomb scare call to Dallas Junior High School at 11:55 that morning.

Dallas Twp. Chief Frank Lange, Chief Herbert Updyke, Kingston Twp. Corp. Francis Pannucio and Edward Janus, of the Juvenile Division of Pa. State Police, caught the girl shortly after the mysterious call was received by Mrs. Luther Wismer, secretary in the school office.

The girl told Mrs. Wismer a bomb was to go off shortly. Police theorized that the bomb scare was used to get students out of classes for a longer, weekend holiday as no classes were scheduled for Friday.

The culprit, when confronted by the officers, said she had been urged to act by fellow classmates.

Possible petitioning of the Juvenile Court may be carried out by police in the case.

Harveys Lake presented three sewage alternates

Harveys Lake Borough Council at a special meeting Thursday evening accepted the completed feasibility report from Glace and Glace, Harrisburg, and saw the council split six to one in the purchase of a new police cruiser.

Albert Muensch, representative of the engineering firm which prepared the sewage plans, presented three principle alternatives. First was a collection system with treatment plant owned and operated by the Borough at the southern sector of the Lake; second, a similar plan for the northern sector and third, construction of an interceptor connecting with Dallas Borough and the Back Mountain Municipal Authority set up.

Mr. Muensch advised that a Federal grant in the amount of 30 percent for construction of a treatment plant and 50 percent for construction of a collection system could be obtained.

A yearly rental of \$62 and a front foot assessment of \$7

would take care of Plan A; \$63 per annum and \$7 assessment would cover Plan B and \$36 per year with a \$7 front

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fire destroys trailer-home

A blazing fire which destroyed a trailer home owned by Al Wendell, Old Lake Road, brought out four Back Mountain Fire Companies Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, completely gutting the structure and destroying two pet dogs belonging to the family.

The trailer, being remodeled into a permanent home, kept firemen busy for two hours. Harveys Lake, Idetown, Dallas and Noxen volunteers worked at the scene. Water was hauled from Harveys Lake and Dallas used its new portatank, returning twice for water.

Two 50 gallon oil drums exploded adding to the intensity of the fire. Trailer was completely destroyed.

full slate for Jackson Demos

For the first time in its history Jackson Township is slating a "full line" of candidates on the Democratic ticket, reports John Malak, Jackson Township committeeman.

According to Mr. Malak, petitions for all local offices within the township were filed Monday at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

Filing for supervisor again this election is Robert Allardice, an insurance representative, who lost by only seven votes last time.

Seeking the tax collector's post is the first Democrat ever elected in Jackson Township, Mrs. Lois Malak, who is presently justice of the peace.

James Mahan, a school teacher in the Wyoming Valley West School District, will run for auditor.

Running for school director in the Lake-Lehman School District, is Donald Buzinkai,

history professor at Kings College, Wilkes Barre.

Bernard Twardowski, an x-ray technician at a local hospital, is running for judge of election.

A newcomer to Jackson Township is John Stubeda, an engineer for Commonwealth Telephone. He is filing for inspector of election.

no candidate

Eugene Goffin, Trucksville, who was mentioned as a candidate for School Director in Dallas District, assured the Post that he is not in the running.

A professor at King's College, Mr. Goffin is a member of the Kingston Township Water Commission. His candidacy was reported by several members of the Democratic party, prior to the filing deadline.

old saw mill



Photographer Scott Saffian caught this still-life of the saw mill situated on Route 118 in Lehman, near the turnoff to the Lehman Horse Show grounds.

small furry woodland creatures steal silently through stories

She writes the most delightfully delicate stories about little mice and who-who owls, and small furry creatures in the forest, and she has been writing them ever since she was fourteen years old.

Bernadette Richardson looks not unlike a small forest creature herself, captured when very young, and gentled, but never leaving behind her the feel of the woods and the world of children.

She is a French girl who registers each year as an alien, wedded to this country, but with her roots planted in French soil, and aghast at any suggestion that she should become an American citizen. French girls, she says, are French girls forever, no matter where they live.

For some years she was on the faculty of Wyoming Seminary Day School, teaching children of the third to seventh grade how to curl their tongues around the pronunciations so difficult to learn after early childhood, so simple when English-speaking children are exposed to the liquid sounds when very young.

Now, she has recently had an interesting offer from a private school near New Hope, Pa., which she is seriously considering.

To teach French, of course.

Backtracking, she's a little difficult to pin down to any specific category, because each time she seems to be labelled and neatly tagged, she's off again, tending artichokes and lettuces in a French garden on the Riviera, brushing up on English in London, acting as house mother for retarded children in a school in Biarritz, or piloting a private plane.

Her first alliance with the newspaper world came when she was fourteen years old, when she sold a bemused editor a bill of goods on giving her a spot on the children's page in the Nice Matin, and sent in a weekly story for publication.

The following year she appears as a staff writer for the school magazine "La Frances," in London.

When she came to this country in 1959 on a six months visa and returned to France, three months later she was back again.

Mrs. Richardson's home is on Overbrook Road, Dallas. She has a small woodland creature of her own now, one Gisele adopted as an infant.

Gisele made a clean sweep of The Dallas Post, with a small

fireplace broom, the first time she came to visit.

Mrs. Richardson has had paintings shown at Cherry Hill Mall. Painting is one of her hobbies, along with reading, and classical music, and walking, and swimming, and of course, always, writing children's stories.

Just as she was leaving after being exposed to the merciless eye of Hix as an interviewer, she cast back this additional remark:

"Oh yes, I taught at Notre Dame College in 1959, English and biology, and physical education."

"Uh, football perhaps?"

"No, this Notre Dame was in France."

If Mrs. Richardson accepts this position at the private school, she will be able to have Gisele with her. Baby sitting will be no problem. Plenty of students willing to turn an honest penny.

And she'll have time to finish a children's book, now in the writing.

"But when the little white mouse entered the forest, she became soft, and smooth, and the most lovely of all the little white mice.

"And when the poor little donkey entered the forest, he became beautiful, and clean, and the most distinguished of all the little donkeys . . ."

It's that French touch.

three teachers resign from Lake-Lehman

Resignations of three members of the Lake-Lehman faculty were accepted by the school board at the March 11 meeting.

Miss Celia O'Leary, who has been a teacher in Ross Township long before the Lehman-Jackson-Ross jointure and later the Lake-Lehman jointure were formed, leaves the district because she has reached the retirement age.

Mrs. Lester Squier, wife of the former supervising principal of Lake-Lehman, has other plans.

Judith Bergstrasser is leaving the area.

Edgar Lashford reminded board members that all committees must meet as soon as possible in order to clear the way for preparation of the budget. Tentative budget will be presented to the board April

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hillside farm, trucksville



Kozemchak asked to apologize for board attack

Dallas School District board member John Laberge called for a public apology from fellow board member Andrew Kozemchak at last week's board meeting.

Mr. LaBerge, who is also president of the West Side Area Vocational-Technical School board, was angered by Mr. Kozemchak's accusation that the Dallas board members were "gutless" because they had refused to support his motion to restore Bible reading and prayer to the schools.

"I spent all month battling with myself as to what I would say for what you called us," Mr. LaBerge said. "I can only repeat that you issue a public apology for the names and continual attacks you have made on board members, both in the press and on radio."

Mr. LaBerge then read the following statement: "At the last school board meeting, Mr. Kozemchak made certain attacks on the integrity and intestinal fortitude of other members of the board regarding their position on the issue of prayer and Bible reading in the schools.

As he has done many times in the past, Mr. Kozemchak expects the board to react instantaneously to recommendations expressing his views and philosophies. When we don't, he sees fit to vilify the board as unenlightened and non-believers.

"His present attacks both on radio and in the press are unjust, uncalled for and undignified. I don't believe anyone on

the Board would abridge Mr. Kozemchak's right to speak his mind on any subject but I do feel his attacks on other members are unwarranted.

"It is obvious that he is using this particular time and subject as a means to project his name into the public eye. Although he has used this technique in the past on his ideas he has not drawn personalities into his tirades.

"As in the past he has gone off half-cocked again with incomplete information and in misguided personal views. I find it disheartening that the local news media would accept for publication some of the items presented by Mr. Kozemchak.

"All the members of the Board are church members, many of them very active in the operation of their church. Their high moral and ethical standards should not be impugned by Mr. Kozemchak and his crude theatrics.

"The Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional any effort to require Bible reading and prayer in the schools. It voted 8 to 1 in upholding the 1st Amendment.

I am not against prayer and Bible reading in the schools but I am unalterably opposed to defying the Supreme Court decision. How can we support law and order if we act in direct violation of the law? I regret that Mr. Kozemchak has seen fit to promote his own personal advantage by causing unnecessary turmoil in the community."

weigh school prayer issue

Directors of the Dallas School District last week agreed to a rewording of the controversial school prayer motion offered by director Andrew Kozemchak.

Milton Evans suggested that Mr. Kozemchak's previous motion—which failed to receive a second—and which called for the return of prayers and Bible reading in classrooms, be amended to "investigate and study" how this move could be achieved "within the law."

Mr. Evan's motion came about after Mr. Kozemchak once again proposed that Bible reading and prayers be returned to the schools.

At last month's board meeting, Mr. Kozemchak called the board gutless when no second was given his proposal.

Mr. Kozemchak said he was in a highly emotional state following last month's meeting when his resolution was not acted upon. He said he had received many telephone calls and radio messages since that time backing his stand.

He noted that many other parts of the country were still following Bible reading procedures and had not been penalized by the Attorney General and that officials of government, from the President down, took their oaths upon a Bible, that all openings of Congress, both Federal and State opened with prayer.

"Why should a few atheists seek to turn our young people into a 'Godless society,' he asked. He proposed that his fellow board members work out the details either at an executive session or public meeting to "Open the door for God to come in and remove the dagger which the Supreme Court had plunged in His back."

He read some excerpts of letters received and presented a petition with 700 names which

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Jackson Twp. seeks own ambulance association

Jackson Township residents, intent upon establishing an ambulance association for several years, met Sunday at the Fire Hall.

A dozen residents turned up at the session on Sunday and two dozen ambulance members from Shavertown and Trucksville were also on hand.

Vought Long, Trucksville, said he was opposed to serving the neighboring community where personnel lack appears to be the chief problem, but Martin Porter, president of Kingston Township Ambulance Association said it is a humanitarian organization, and would never refuse a call.

Ted Newcomb offered services of his fellow members from Shavertown in teaching Jackson residents about equipment and its use.

Dallas, Lehman and Lake Silkworth will also be contacted to see if they will serve in transporting residents of Jackson living closest to these communities. In the meantime Kingston Township will continue its service.

Jackson Township donated \$300 to the Kingston Township Ambulance Association last year and has a qualified First Aid instructor in Mrs. Don Shaffer who is willing to teach all interested citizens. Thirteen Jackson folk have received their Red Cross First Aid certificates and four others hold Professional cards from the Ambulance Attendants Course.

Firemen met last evening to see if they could aid in the project.

more fires

Despite warnings to avoid burning on a windy day, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, Dallas, was called out twice on Saturday to put out brush fires.

First call was to Fernbrook in the morning, the second to the Dallas Motel area, where two trucks were used to extinguish the large blaze.

Kunkle Firemen also answered a call in their area on Saturday afternoon and Shavertown one off William Street on Monday afternoon.