

PROTEST

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pensate him for damaged he estimates at \$2000. He scoffed at the offer and said that he intends to file a suit against American Asphalt "that will really show them I mean business."

Another long-time Jackson resident, Thomas Bunney Sr., claims that two of the three homes he owns in the township have similarly been damaged by the blasting vibrations.

He presented a letter from the Reliance Insurance Co., American Asphalt's insurance firm, stating that damages to his property are not due to the blasting.

"How could they say that," he demanded, "when they didn't even send a representative out to look at the damages?"

Mr. Hargraves has filed a damages claim with his insurance company and hopes that the township solicitor, along with the township supervisors, will take action to protect residents of the area from what he considers to be a "very serious hazard."

Solicitor Jonathan Valentine doesn't see it quite that way, however.

"In my opinion, the supervisors do not have any responsibility in this matter. If the residents want action, they should band together and hire an attorney to settle the issue for them."

It is not yet certain whether Jackson residents will take solicitor Valentine's advice, but if they do they will no doubt be apprised of the tight controls already imposed on quarry blasts by state law.

Under a regulation approved in January, 1967, the vibration intensity of blasts in quarries or road work may not exceed a velocity criteria of 2 inches per second at the closest structure to the blasting not owned by the party doing the blasting.

According to Mr. Petro, such restrictions mean that the ground will not move at a rate high enough to cause any damage to property.

Mr. Petro added that the law which provides these guidelines is a result of 10 years of testing by the U.S. Bureau of Mines. In adopting these recommendations, he said, Pennsylvania has placed itself in the vanguard of enlightened states.

Vibra-Tech is responsible for obtaining seismographic readings during American Asphalt's blasting and does this, Mr. Petro says, by placing seismographs on ground near the foundations of the buildings closest to the blasting which are not owned by American Asphalt. These reports are then given to the quarry operator, who must submit them to the Department of Labor and Industry on request.

Mr. Petro maintains that the data obtained from these reports indicate that the intensity of vibrations which result from blasting in American Asphalt's quarries is "consistently well below" state mandated levels.

Allegations by one homeowner that "more powder is added to the charges as time goes by" was dismissed by American Asphalt President Bernard Banks Jr. as being irresponsible and untruthful.

He points out that his company has chosen to use seismographs—although it is not required by law to do so—because the readings provide objective and accurate proof that the intensity of the blasts fall within the state's prescribed limits.

While the angry homeowners consider what action—if any—they will take next, blasting will continue at the company's quarry as it has in the past, company officials maintained.

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Anyway, I stepped out on the sleeping porch which was just about on a level with the top railing of the tree house, though a considerable distance removed, and there were boys arranging a breeches buoy between tree house and sleeping porch. They already had their passenger in the basket, and they were about to send her across.

"What on earth are you doing?" was greeted with utter amazement.

"Just going to give her a ride, is all. We'll take her off in

the tree house."

"You'll take her off right now. You think for one minute that little string would hold up a thirty pound baby?"

And with that, I whisked the baby out of the basket, stood her on the floor, and acquainted her brothers with the facts of life.

Years later we passed through Lincoln on a trip west. We inquired of former neighbors, or rather of former neighbors' young.

The people who had bought the property had torn down the tree house. They claimed it was a hazard. But the neighborhood kids had gathered round, and when the wrecking equipment

blood donation exceeds quota

Back Mountain blood donation made a banner showing Friday, when 219 pints of blood were collected in six hours. Appearing ready to give blood were 262 potential donors, 43 of whom were deferred.

bit into the bricks of the wading pool they had salvaged their treasures.

"Want the Hicktown Review back again? And the soldier? We saved it."

The donation, reports Mrs. Edward Gilroy, coordinator, went 39 pints over the announced quota of 180 pints.

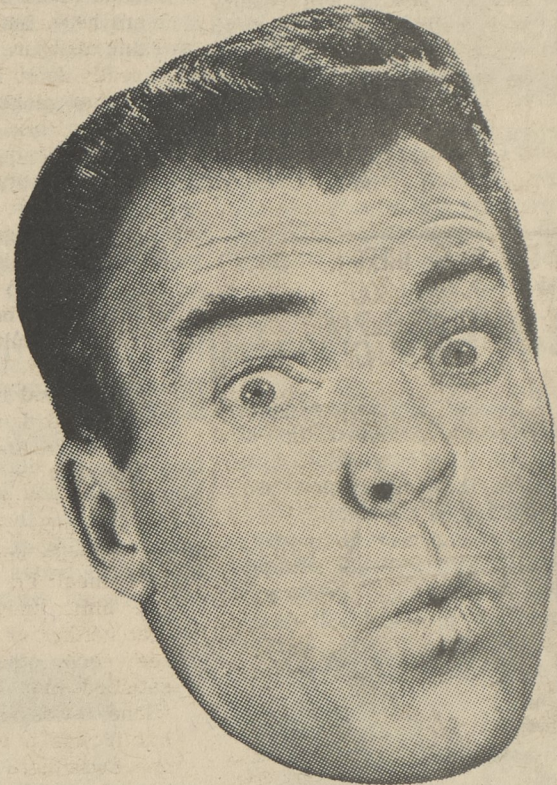
The auditorium at Dallas Intermediate school, the former junior high gymnasium, was outfitted with folding tables from American Red Cross blood center. Volunteers handled applicants and tabulated records; trained personnel performed the blood taking.

LAW SUIT

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dance with the instructions and specifications; that at the same time Stewart Equipment Company of Harrisburg submitted a bid in the amount of \$17,696 and that upon opening bids, Stewart equipment was the lowest responsible bidder. The complaint further declares that upon opening bids on Oct. 1, none of the bids was in accordance with all provisions or specifications; that on Oct. 2, the borough allowed a change of the specifications from those advertised and that in spite of these conditions the borough awarded a contract to Medico Industries for \$19,450.

Briefs and arguments in the cases are set for 9 a.m., Oct. 20, in Court Room 2.



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