

judge to get H.L. petition

A petition signed last September by 344 residents of Harveys Lake Borough expressing dismay over delays in construction of a municipal sewer system will be forwarded to Judge Donald O'Malley as a result of action taken by Harveys Lake Borough Council last Thursday night.

Judge O'Malley is presently considering a suit filed by five Harveys Lake taxpayers which would enjoin borough council from lending \$100,000 to the community's general municipal authority.

The motion to send the petition to Judge O'Malley was made by Council President Francis Fisher, who suggested that the petition might indicate to the judge that not all Harveys Lake residents favor continued delay in getting the sewer project off the drawing board.

Councilman William Hoblak objected to the propriety of the move. "Council has no way of determining the legality of the signatures of the petitioners," he insisted. Moreover, he stated that he "would not want to be in any position to try to sway one of the judges of the Luzerne County Court as to how his decision should come out."

The vote found Mr. Hoblak outnumbered five to one, with Councilmen William Sherknas, Arthur Gosart, David Price, Thomas Cadwalder, and Fisher voting to forward the petition to Judge O'Malley. Councilman Carl Swanson was absent.

Calvin McHose was again designated earned income tax and amusement tax collector for the borough. His collection fee of 5 percent on earned income taxes was questioned by Thomas Cadwalder, who asked whether or not Mr. McHose would consider reducing his fee to \$4 "like Berkshires."

"Absolutely not," Mr. McHose answered sharply.

Lake-Lehman

by Donna Weiss

"Dribbling Dames"

The girls' basketball team at Lake-Lehman is having another victorious year. Coached by Wilma Schierer, the girls have won the first half championship. As of Feb. 1, they were tied for the number one position with Meyers and Wyoming Seminary. They now hold first place by defeating both teams, Meyers 60-44 and Wyoming Seminary 67-50.

Pat Lopasky, captain, is one of the team's top scorers. At the Wyoming Seminary Game she tallied 40 points. Congratulations!

Student Teachers

If you see a smiling strange new face at Lake-Lehman, you're probably looking at one of the student teachers. Suzanne Szenher, Meredith Stephenson, Mary Cascio, Barbara Gannon, Deborah Grassi, Beverly Hanna, Jeris Jordan, Stephanie Maresca, Marianne Nally and Caroline Quinn come from College Misericordia and will teach Lake-Lehman's students until March 26.

We wish them all the best of luck at Lake-Lehman and in future years.

District Band

Each year, the best musicians from each high school in Northeastern Pennsylvania are chosen to participate in the Northeastern District Band Festival. This year, Lake-Lehman is proud to announce that the following musicians were chosen from our band. They are, Donald Josuweit, Baritone Horn; Bob Scott, Alto Sax; Linda Tough, Flute; Gene Holcomb, Corne; Caroline Edwards, Baritone-Saxophone; Pamela Calkins, Bass Clarinet; Cindy Culver, Bass Clarinet. Congratulations!

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Mr. Cadwalder voted against naming Mr. McHose borough tax collector; he was joined by Mr. Hoblak, who qualified his negative vote by suggesting that a central agency be employed to collect the earned income tax if it could be obtained for a lower percentage than Mr. McHose charges.

Skating areas on Harveys Lake at Sandy Beach, Alderson, Sunset, and two other locations to be designated will be cleared of snow by borough equipment following a suggestion to that effect by Mayor William Connolly.

Mr. Hoblak expressed initial disapproval of the plan because of "danger to equipment and manpower." He hastened to add that he has "nothing against setting up recreation for youngsters in this community," and after assurance by Mr. Cadwalder that insurance coverage for both borough employees and equipment would be obtained, he voted with the rest of council to provide the skating areas.

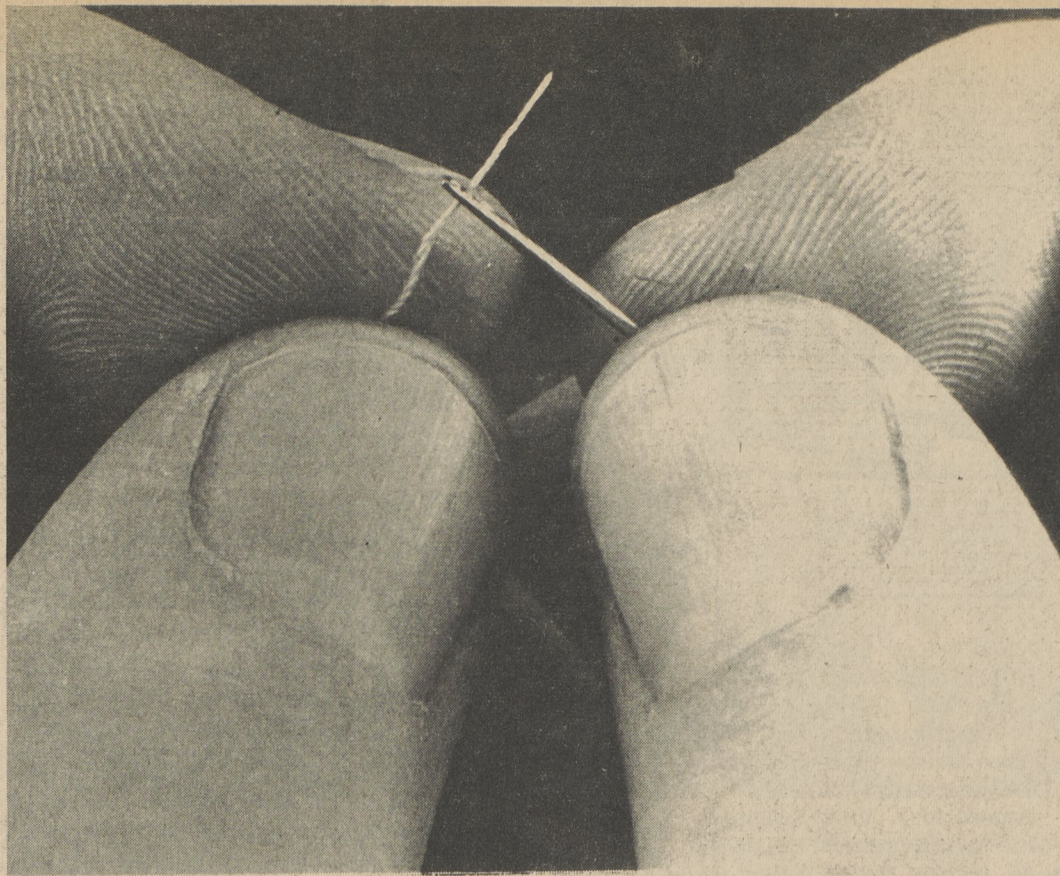
Compensation for borough employees was set by council at previously determined rates. Secretary John Stenger will receive \$2,000 annually; solicitor Donald McFadden, \$300 annually; Police Chief Walbridge Leinthal, \$6,121; Officer Williams, \$5,520; special police, \$2 per hour; Roadmaster William Casterline, \$2.50 per hour; and borough laborers, \$2 per hour.

Councilman Price recommended that council consider hiring a third full time policeman as special police fees have increased tremendously.

Council agreed to cash a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$15,000 to obtain \$5,000 needed for operational expenses. The remaining \$10,000 will be re-invested.

Tax collector McHose noted that 1971 tax bills are complete and will be in the mail soon.

Kudos for what was termed "an excellent job in plowing, cindering, and re-plowing" were bestowed on the borough's highway department by Councilman Fisher and resident Thomas Cosgrove.



Bob Saffian took his own photograph threading a needle with a Minolta SRT 101. He held the camera with his chin and triggered the shutter with his tongue, using a macro lens set up.

The Dallas Post (BOB SAFFIAN)

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 638, Harveys Lake, completed the Troop Dramatics badge Dec. 15 by presenting a play, "Pied Piper of Healthy Town" to Brownie Troop 623. During December we worked on Christmas crafts and sold Girl Scout calendars. Our Christmas caroling and party had to be cancelled because of a heavy snow storm.

In January we planned for our Juliette Low Ingathering and worked with clay craft.

For four weeks our troop will be divided into grades, with the fourth graders working on Toy-maker badge with Rose Salansky; fifth graders, Prints badge with Marjorie Garinger; and sixth graders, My Community badge with Joanne Davidson.

Plans were made for a Court of Honor Feb. 10 and for a Thinking Day activity Feb. 20. During this month orders were taken for Girl Scout cookies, with the hope that the troop can sell enough each (50 boxes) to earn two free days at camp in June.

As a service to citizens of our community, we will distribute information on ways that individuals can help clean up the environment.

As another service project, the troop is collecting commemorative postage stamps. These are sent to the Florida Audubon Society which sells them and uses the profits to maintain eagle sanctuaries.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 705 met with Brownie Girl Scout Troop 637 for a Valentine party Tuesday in Kingston Twp. Municipal Building. Before the party, the girls assembled valentine tray favors to be sent to Retreat State Hospital.

Troop cookie orders were also turned in at the meeting and postage stamps were collected by Mrs. Laver to be forwarded to the Veterans Administration Hospital in New England for use in a rehabilitation program.

wrangling continues over Harveys Lake sewers

Arguments over which method of sewage treatment would be most advisable for Harveys Lake Borough continued at the regular meeting of the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority last Thursday night. The issue—whether Harveys Lake should become a customer of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority or whether it should build its own sewage treatment facility—has been a source of contention since the authority was established one year ago.

In the absence of Alfred J. Muensch, secretary-treasurer of the engineering firm of Glace and Glace Inc., and consultant to the Harveys Lake project, little that was new was introduced at the meeting. The Assistant Secretary of the Municipal Authority, Ray Roushey, did express the hope that the authority would "have the answers" as to which method of sewage treatment would be most feasible by its March 4 meeting.

Throughout the meeting, authority members sought to assure several skeptical tax-

payers that no decision has yet been made as to which method of sewage treatment will be implemented. Said Mr. Roushey: "We couldn't possibly know which way would be best until we get the figures from our report."

Authority members present at the meeting were Chairman Walter Osko, Secretary William Borton, Solicitor Donald McFadden, William Gunster and Mr. Roushey. Truman Nagle, treasurer, was absent.

Solicitor McFadden reported that the appeal of a suit brought against borough council and the municipal authority by Harveys Lake residents Raymond Laux and Thomas Cosgrove to prohibit council from loaning the authority \$4,400 will be heard in Harrisburg March 1 before the newly established Arguments Court. Luzerne County Judge Richard L. Bigelow ruled against the complainants in October whereupon they promptly carried their appeal to the higher court.

Mr. McFadden also reported that court testimony in a suit

which seeks to enjoin borough council from loaning \$100,000 to the municipal authority has not yet been fully transcribed; he predicts that a decision on this matter will not be forthcoming as soon as he had initially indicated. Plaintiffs in this action are Raymond Laux, Thomas Cosgrove, Edward Feist, and Councilmen William Hoblak and Thomas Cadwalader.

Shortly before the meeting was adjourned, Thomas Cosgrove continued in his role as municipal authority watchdog and called for the resignation of Mr. Osko. "If you do not resign," Mr. Cosgrove threatened, "as a last resort, possibly the taxpayers should institute actions to remove you."

"Thanks for your confidence," Mr. Osko replied curtly as he adjourned the meeting.

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