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Harveys Lake Dock Owner Fined by Board

Anthony Perugino, owner of the new dock at Harveys Lake around which controversy has swirled for the past month, was fined \$25 for ignoring a cease and desist order issued earlier this month by Luzerne County Planning Commissioner Clarence Laidler.

The fine was levied by the Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board following a hearing June 23 in the commissioners' hearing room at the courthouse.

The cease and desist order was precipitated by an appeal from Harveys Lake Borough Council which sought to prevent further construction of Mr. Perugino's dock at Point Breeze. The dock, stated the appeal, conforms neither to "the side yard requirements of the Luzerne County Zoning Ordinance" nor to "the requirements of the Water and Resource Board's Resolution of Feb. 10, 1970."

Harveys Lake Councilman William Shekshnas testified at the hearing that despite the cease and desist order, construction on the controversial dock had continued up to and including "this very afternoon."

Mr. Perugino, who was represented at the hearing by Atty. Sandor Yelen, admitted that work on the structure was continuing but contended that his dock complies in every respect with the Luzerne County Zoning Ordinance. Moreover, he countered, an existing dock owned by Ambrose Findora which parallels his facility actually infringes on his property line.

On the basis of this testimony, the zoning hearing board ruled that it will not consider Harveys Lake Borough Council's appeal further until a full survey of the properties in question has been undertaken by the borough to determine the validity of its claims.

Mr. Perugino was given permission to complete his dock.

Harveys Lake Borough Council met in executive session Friday night and decided not to authorize a survey of the disputed property lines. The entire issue may well be moot anyway: Commissioner Laidler noted that the zoning hearing board "certainly wouldn't order the dock destroyed" no matter what a survey revealed.

Unanticipated Funds

No Millage Rise Seen For Lake-Lehman Budget

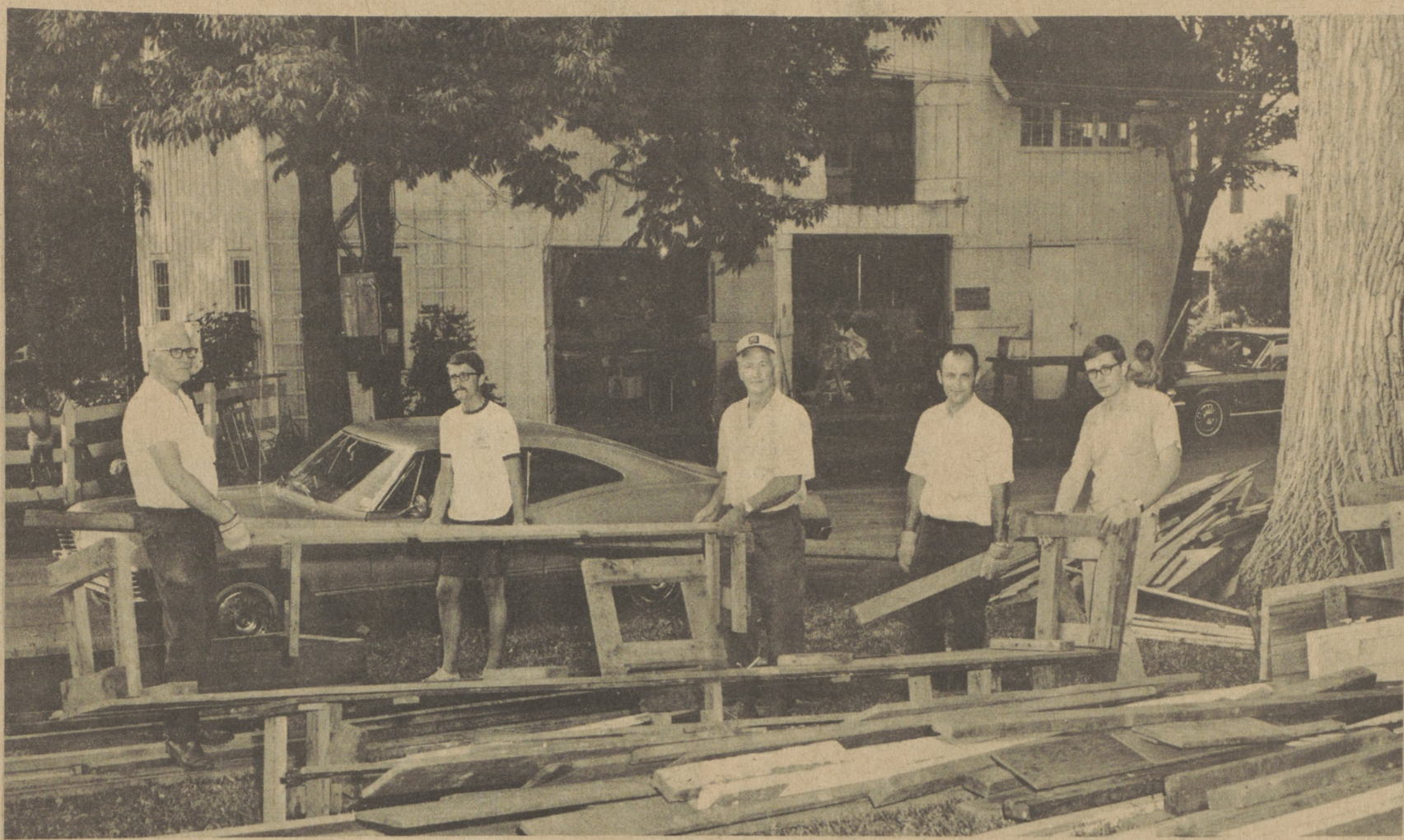
There's good news for residents in the Lake-Lehman School District: No millage increase will be necessary to fund the district's 1971-72 school budget of \$1,766,800.

In making this announcement at a special meeting of the Lake-Lehman School Board Monday night, President Edgar J. Lashford explained that recalculations of the starting balance estimated originally at \$80,000 indicated that additional unanticipated funds had boosted the starting balance to \$107,240. A higher collection of real estate taxes and additional state funds were listed as the primary sources of this windfall.

The increased starting balance made a proposed two mill tax hike unnecessary, said Mr. Lashford. The original budget contained provisions for an increase in real estate millage from 44 to 46 mills.

Other taxes which will be utilized in meeting the budgetary expenditures include a \$5 per capita tax, 10 percent amusement tax, \$10 license fee on mechanical devices, one percent real estate transfer tax, one percent earned income tax, and a \$5 "Act 511" tax on residents 21 years of age and older.

In other business to come before the board, letters of resignation were accepted from Eugene Solomon, sixth grade teacher at Lehman-Jackson Elementary, and from Letha Schenck,



(ALEX REBAR)

Lumber stored year round in the Auction barn is taken out and sorted by workers in preparation for construction of booths and stands. From left to right are Charles Huston, John R. Murphy, Russell Thomas, grounds committee chairman; Charles Meck and Richard Mills.

\$3,237,726 Total Expenses

School Budget Approved, No Tax Changes Foreseen

The 1971-72 budget for Dallas School District was approved Monday night by the Board of Directors, with the total figure at \$3,237,726.

Although this budget is \$262,726 above last year's, there were no changes in the tax levy. Tax millage on real estate remains at 62 mills (\$6.20 per hundred of assessed valuation); per capita at \$5 per taxable person; earned income tax on wages, salaries, commissions and other earned income of individuals at a rate of one percent (shared 50-50 with the municipalities of the district); and a real estate transfer tax of one percent (also shared 50-50 with municipalities).

Salaries for teachers in the district's seven schools were listed at \$1,321,490. The pupil transportation figure was set at \$150,392.

Harry Lefko, board president, noted that retiring superintendent Dr. Robert A. Mellman had wished to be present at this meeting—the final one he would have attended. However, Dr. Mellman's sister died Sunday. Also, Dr. Mellman will have surgery performed on his knee the latter part of this week.

Bids were opened for group life insurance, but were referred to the finance-insurance committee. During a recess these bids were studied, and upon recommendation of committee, were awarded by the board to the Robert Laux Insurance Agency. Bids on typewriter maintenance and garbage removal were tabled for further study by proper committees.

Approval was given to the appointments of Thomas H. Jenkins as assistant to the superintendent in charge of business affairs and James O. Brokenshire as assistant to the superintendent in charge of instruction. Ben Jones 3rd was named solicitor; Nicholas Sosik, assistant secretary to the board. All appointments were for the 1971-72 school year.

It was decided to tender regular contracts of employment to the following professional employees: Ellen Boyer, Beverly Bunney, Elaine Felli, Andrea Fulton, Samuel Jayne, Thomas Kilduff, Mayclaire McCarthy, Jane Miller, Dorothy Peiffer, Kathleen Reiss, William Roberts, John Turner, John Wega, Evan Williams and Jean Utter.

Resignation of Michael Lisko Jr. was accepted. Two aides, Judith Young and Lynne George, were named to serve in the elementary school summer program.

New machines, which are to be purchased for the business training

department, are a key punch machine and accessories; a Stenotrainer, a stenographic laboratory; and 11 electric typewriters.

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New Budget Explained

(Editor's note: The following is a breakdown and explanation of the Dallas School District's 1971-72 budget supplied to the Post by the Dallas School Board.)

The Dallas School District budget for

the 1971-1972 school term, as amended at a meeting of the Board of School Directors June 28, is based upon the same millage and tax base as the 1970-1971 budget.

The board of directors has been assisted in maintaining this same tax base because of an increase in the Aids Ratio Factor by the State, a more equitable improvement to the tax base of the school district by the County, and additions to the tax duplicate.

The 1971-1972 budget of \$3,237,726 is \$262,726 above the 1970-1971 budget expenditures, and reflects the increase in salaries under the new schedules for professional employee. Two additional teachers will be added to the professional staff in the next school year.

The increase of \$134,750 in salaries for professional employees is based upon the following schedules: Standard certificate, \$6,700 to \$10,700; Bachelor, \$6,700 to \$11,000; Bachelor's and 15 hours of graduate credit, \$6,900 to \$11,200; Master's, \$7,200 to \$11,800; Master's and 15 hours of graduate credit, \$7,400 to \$12,000. Revenues for the next fiscal year, starting July 1, 1971, are estimated at \$1,551,259 from local sources, \$1,622,485 from state government, and \$58,782 from the federal government. A further breakdown of revenues from local sources reveals \$1,227,982 in real estate taxes, \$75,320 in per capita taxes, \$189,000 in earned income taxes, \$22,000 in real estate transfer taxes, \$75 in payments in lieu of taxes, \$22,000 in delinquent taxes, \$7,460 in tuition, \$3,022 in earnings from investments, \$4,000 in rents, \$400 in miscellaneous revenue, and a cash balance of \$5,200.

Expenditures for administration are listed at \$120,749; instruction, \$1,633,033; pupil personnel services, \$70,296; health services \$48,283; pupil transportation, \$150,392; operation and maintenance,

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Residents Complain of Bad Water

"The water is so filthy we can't drink it—not even if it were boiled" was the terse description given by a Shavertown resident of drinking water supplied to certain sections of Shavertown.

Residents along Goeringer Avenue, East Center Street and Summit Street were hampered throughout Sunday by a

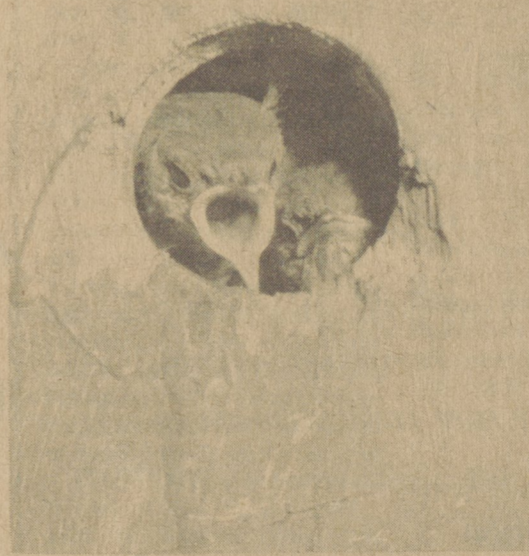
complete lack of water. However, when service was restored about 10:30 Sunday night, Mrs. John Dobinick stated the water was so dirty it could not be used for drinking or for washing.

Mrs. Everell V. Chadwick, a neighbor of Mrs. Dobinick, said she thought there was a line break somewhere on East

Center Street. She reported seeing a crew at work between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

"They've been working on the road doing construction. It looked as if the water pipe had cracked earlier and they

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(DAVE KOZEMCHAK)

These fledgling house wrens were nearly starved when Jim and Ann Kozemchak "adopted" them last week. See related story page 5