

Dallas Municipal Authority Reports Receipt of Funds

Some grant funds from state and federal agencies were received by Dallas Area Municipal Authority during recent weeks, it was learned at the Nov. 18 meeting.

Authority treasurer J. Traver Nobel reported a check for \$104,218 arrived last week from Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, bringing that agency's total amount received, to date, to almost three-quarters of a million dollars. Funds from the Commonwealth were listed as \$443,000.

Also Douglas Diehl, project manager for Roy Weston Engineers, stated that as of Nov. 16 the authority had earned \$129,614 in interest.

The second assessment-rolls set, with 1,700 names, is com-

pleted and ready for delivery to property owners. The third and final set will be ready shortly, according to Mr. Diehl.

A 60-page operation and maintenance manual, for use by Chief Operator Tom Bagley, is being readied by the engineering firm. The manual will define procedures, including emergency procedures, for the treatment plant and its sewerage system.

Mr. Diehl recommended that an AirPak, a breathing apparatus carrying 30 minutes of air, be used to replace an old-type canister mask. The AirPak will be used in the chlorine tank in emergencies.

In a progress report by Howard Morris, construction services representative, it was noted construction on the treatment plant is about 65

percent completed.

Other reports, by Weston's representatives, showed that 90 to 92 percent of the sewer lines have been laid. Current total figures revealed that 255,483 feet of main line were placed; 44,715 feet of laterals; 1,180 manholes; 2,848 house connections; and 187,952 feet of paving.

It was announced all trench paving will be finished before asphalt plants close for the winter.

Requisitions amounting to \$618,000 were approved for payment.

Residents made several complaints about water and drainage problems. Chairman R. Spencer Martin referred them to Roy Weston Engineers for immediate attention.



The ruins of a summer cottage at Harveys Lake still smoulders after it was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. An adjacent cottage received extensive damages, and two others had water and smoke damage.

Harveys Lake Home Destroyed by Fire

A summer home on First Street, Warden Place, Harveys Lake, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. An adjacent cottage was heavily damaged by the flames and two nearby structures had heavy smoke and water damage.

The home destroyed was the two-story frame residence of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hudak, who also reside at 694 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Fire officials said the Hudaks were away at the time of the fire.

The nearest cottage to the Hudaks belonged to John Slawich, Slocum Street, Swoyersville. This structure received extensive damage to a wall, the roof and the interior. Allen Burritt, Bowman Street, Wilkes-Barre, and Beatrice Shupp, Exeter Avenue, West Pittston, are the owners of the two nearby buildings.

The 5:15 a.m. alarm was answered by the Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company, Harveys Lake, which found the blaze out of control at the Hudak home. Fire Chief Richard Williams Sr. reported the structure was an inferno by the time the firemen arrived.

Chief Williams directed more than 50 men as they fought the blaze over three hours before bringing it under control at about 8:30 a.m. Other companies dispatched to the scene were Kunkle Fire Company, Jonathan Davis Fire Company from Idetown and Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, Dallas.

Water was pumped from the lake as firemen used five pieces of equipment, two 2½ inch lines, four 1½ inch lines, and four booster lines in their efforts to contain the flames.

Power and telephone lines in the area were knocked down during the fire, but were repaired a short time later and service was restored.

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Shavertown

by Charlot Denmon
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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Katakinski, 107 Summit St., Shavertown, have returned home after visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blessing, Pittsburgh.

Mrs. James McFarland, 110 Summit St., Shavertown, is recuperating from injuries incurred in a fall at her home.

Mrs. Letha Spaulding, East Center Street, Shavertown, will spend the winter months visiting relatives in Arizona and California.

Mr. and Mrs. George Voorhees and family, 67 E. Center St., Shavertown, have returned after visiting relatives in Bangor.

Our congratulations to Wayne Pettit, 47 E. Franklin St.,

Shavertown, who observed his birthday anniversary, Nov. 18.

The Rev. and Mrs. William C. Bispels welcomed members of the congregation to visit the newly renovated church home of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where they reside. The home is located next to the church on North Main St., Shavertown.

William Hart and Kenneth Dunning, both of Rochester, N.Y., recently visited Mr. Hart's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Monk, 154 N. Lehigh St., Shavertown.

Candie Wismer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wismer, Shavertown, is a member of the cast of Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass" presented by students at Harcum Junior College, Bryn Mawr.

Advent supper at St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be held Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. Each family is requested to bring a covered dish to share with others.

Folk Group of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will meet Nov. 20 in the social rooms at 7 p.m.

Members of Shavertown United Methodist Church are invited to attend Thanksgiving Eve Service at Trucksville United Methodist Church, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eckert Jr. and family, Valparaiso, Ind., will spend the Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Eckert Sr., Shavertown, and Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons, Kunkle.

Mrs. Abdon Kupstas, 18 Maple St., Fernbrook, is a patient in Nesbitt Hospital.

Citizens are Often Targets Of So Called Routine Crimes

(Editor's Note: Routine crimes often appear in the back pages of a newspaper. But they are almost as significant to the victims as are the bigger, more unusual crimes. Vandalism's tools are well-aimed rocks, BBs, and other missiles.)

Patrick Brown walked down his sloping driveway to his garage at the edge of the road.

Using an outstretched finger, he pointed to broken windows in his garage door. "There's one, he said. 'Here's a couple more. There's still plenty of broken glass on the ground. I was lucky they didn't break the windshield of my car.'"

He once again surveyed the damage which well-aimed rocks had done, taking a second look at what remained of traces of obscene words written in the dust on the garage door.

On police reports such accidents go down as malicious mischief or vandalism—rather broad categories which include the intentional and the accidental, the prankster and the vandal.

These are mishaps that are written on police reports of the Back Mountain. One report could concern the four cars and a pickup truck at Harveys Lake whose windows were broken by a steel ball bearing one-quarter inch in diameter—done in the dark of night during October.

What instrument shot such projectiles? "The only thing I know of is a sling shot," was Police Chief Walbridge Leinthal's comment.

In Dallas Township, the more recent acts of vandalism were done by setting fire to vacant houses and buildings. Luckily, no one was injured—but volunteer firemen and law enforcement officers were kept busy answering alarms.

A Kingston Township

resident, Patrick Brown was angry at the vandalism at his place but not surprised. "We've lived here 15 years and never had any trouble until about 10 years ago," he recalled. "This house sat up here for years and not a thing happened to it. You start to think they won't get you. But they do."

He listed the number of times and the acts of vandalism during the years, and said his insurance had gone from "no deductible" to \$50 deductible. "Next year they tell me it will be \$100 deductible."

The owner revealed that he'd like to sell the house. "I've worked hard," said Mr. Brown, shaking his head, "for 15 years to keep it looking decent, but now I'm tired."

To prosecute the vandals, he must catch them in the act of destroying his property, according to information he said came from the police. He has reported to the police about three acts of vandalism, but "I just don't bother to report all the harassment anymore."

Business establishments are not exempt from the malicious mischief maker. The automobile firm of Howard "Duke" Isaacs Sales and Service, Memorial Highway, is a good example, as it has had many cases over the years.

In July, 1959, four boys were arrested for throwing rocks through a plate glass window at Isaacs'. Police report stated—"while cruising in an automobile during the hours of midnight and 4 a.m. they had their car loaded with rocks . . . as they passed business establishments and parked cars they threw rocks through windows . . ."

May, 1967; December, 1968, also were times of broken windows for the firm. More recently, in the fall of this year,

windows again received the brunt of damage, but youngsters also damaged several cars on a parking lot when they drove one car into other parked cars.

Business firms doing retail trailer sales have not escaped unscathed in Dallas Borough, according to Police Chief Ray Titus.

"There were broken windows and doors on several occasions at both the Hawk and Deer Head trailer lots," Chief Titus reported, and added that one person has been arrested.

Pay telephone stations of Commonwealth Telephone Company are targets occasionally of vandals, reported a company spokesman.

"They rip off the dial and used to cut the receiver cord fairly often. However, we've remedied the latter problem by installing metal receiver cords," the official said. He continued, "Glass breakage occurs often and is the main objective of vandals."

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Harveys Lake

by Mary Van Campen

Mrs. Martin Petroskas, Warden Place, is a medical patient at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock. Neighbors and friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boice, Rochester, N.Y., recently visited her sister, Nell Rinken, Idetown.

Terry Troutman, Lehman, had a good hunting during small game season. He shot a ring neck pheasant, three squirrels, two geese, and a woodcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lutes, formerly of Noxen and Florida, recently moved into the home they bought from Mr. and Mrs. Loren Keller, Idetown. The Kellers have moved to Danville.

I never realized how many people are trailer-minded until last Sunday. We went to visit Mr. and Mrs. William (Beth & Bill) Casterline, and saw a brand new trailer sitting across from their house. It wasn't their's but their son's and daughter-in-law's. Butch and Mable, who with their three daughters were living with his folks until they found a decent place to live in. But with rents being so high, and usually owners not wanting children

and-or animals, they finally decided to buy a trailer. I just had to go through it! It has three bedrooms, bath, parlor and kitchen-dining room, and is 70 feet long and 14 feet wide. They are getting it ready to hook, and then moving day will come.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Shaver also sold their home in Idetown and have moved in with Mrs. Shaver's father until they buy a lot and can put a trailer on it. Most of the people who buy trailers have raised their families and have a home that is too big for them.

Did you do your good deed for today? I did! I just bought a 1972 calendar from Carol Grey, who is a Girl Scout. Why don't you buy one when they come knocking at your door?

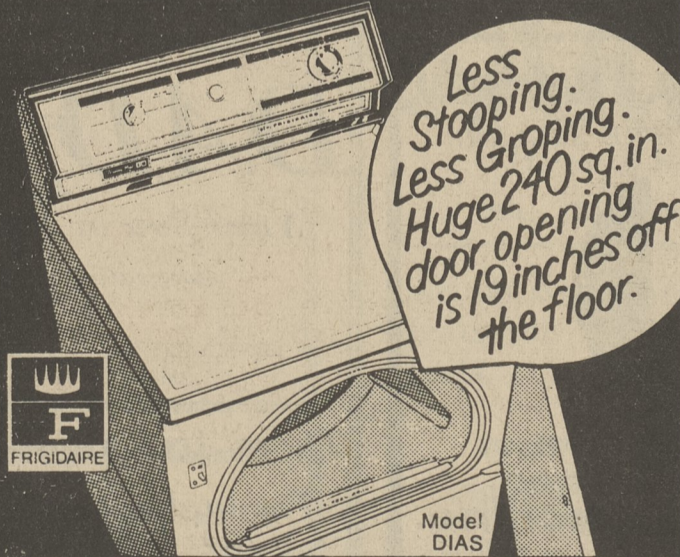
A happy Thanksgiving to all my readers and remember—please get your news in to me no later than Thursdays.

The Confidence Class, combined with the WSCS of Idetown Church, will hold their Christmas party Dec. 7 in the church. bought a lot and are shopping around for a trailer.

Now another Casterline family is going to buy a trailer. Mr. and Mrs. James Casterline of Idetown sold their home,

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