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Photo by Joe Kane

CHORAL GROUP—Members of Lake-Lehman Elementary chorus are shown above at their annual concert presented at Lake-Lehman High School last Friday night.

Harvey denies implication in hit-run accident Feb. 15

Leonard Harvey, district 3-8 magistrate, Monday disclaimed any implication in a hit-run incident, in Dallas Township. Harvey stated he "definitely" was not driving the car which allegedly struck a vehicle on Edinger Hill Road, at 4:25 the morning of Feb. 15.

According to Dallas Borough Police Chief Roy Titus, Harvey reported his car stolen on that date and later in the day contacted Patrolman Ted Montross to report that his car had been involved in an accident. Montross stated that at the time of the report, Harvey also said that either his insurance, or he himself would pay for any damages to the other vehicle involved. (His insurance did pay the \$500 damages.)

The accident itself, according to

Dallas Township police reports for Feb. 15, involved the vehicle believed to be Harvey's striking a car, driven by Jude Brennan, near the door on the driver's side. The accident was investigated by Dallas Township Police Officer Doug Lamoreaux.

The original report made by Lamoreaux, identified the vehicle which struck the Brennan car as "a second vehicle, possibly an International Scout." Further investigation, including a paint sample test, proved the Harvey car to be the second vehicle.

When contacted Monday, Harvey stated that he now knows who was driving the vehicle, and that it "was not exactly stolen". Harvey said the car was taken by someone, "who (he) knew, who had not actually told him

they were taking it." The magistrate added he did not know who had taken the car at the time of the accident or at the time of the subsequent theft report.

Harvey also disputed the police report's statement of the whereabouts of the accident. Harvey said it was his understanding the accident occurred "somewhere on Upper Demunds Road." Early reports placed the accident at "the entrance to Valley View Trailer Park on Edinger Hill Road."

Early reports also stated "police sources say Harvey was seen driving into the borough parking lot, in his car, shortly after the accident." The report also claimed "a witness saw Harvey get out of his vehicle, look over it for damage, then walk into the borough building and into his office."

Harvey said this week that the first report, placing him in the car driving into the lot, "is completely false." He added, however, that he was in the lot at that time and did look at the car, "but definitely did not drive the car in."

Harvey said it was his opinion that reports implicating him in the hit run were initiated "by someone who thinks (he) is running for office." He said he and one other magistrate are the "only offices in Luzerne County not presently up for election." His term expires in 1977.

Lake roads to be in 'good shape' July 4

"Things are in motion, if all goes well, to have the Harvey's Lake roads in 'good shape for the July 4 weekend'" according to John MacManus, chairman of the roads committee of Harvey's Lake borough council.

MacManus made the statement during his report from the road committee at the regular meeting of the borough council last Wednesday night.

MacManus explained the "good shape" the roads would be in as, "oiled, graded or whatever." He prefaced his statement with the phrase, "with any luck."

In other council action, two pieces of "old business" were once again tabled. The continuing issue of whether or not to provide sewage system hookups to the boathouse residences on the lake was tabled to a May 15 workshop with no discussion on the subject brought out at the meeting.

In the second piece of old business discussed, bids were read and rejected for garbage pick up and disposal. The rejection of the bids came after a lengthy discussion spearheaded by John MacManus and Bob Winterstein.

Winterstein and MacManus stated that they had looked into the possible purchase of a garbage packer for the borough. They maintained that in the long run the borough would be saving money by making the purchase and ridding the borough of the monthly bill to an independent contractor.

Council president Fred Merrill said he objected to the reasoning behind MacManus and Winterstein's proposal on the basis that they could not answer the questions, "How many

men will it take?" Will it require any extra insurance? And if so how much? How many days a week will it take the men?" and "How much money will it require monthly for gas oil and upkeep?"

MacManus answered Merrill by giving particulars on the expense of the purchase, the size and type of equipment needed. He added that although he did not have answers with him to Merrill's other questions, he could have them for him within the week.

During the question period following MacManus' motion to reject the bids presented by the independent contractors, Bernice Stein, council member, asked who would pick up the garbage between the time of purchase of the packer and the end of the present contract with Galka-Bean if bids were rejected. The Galka-Bean contract ended the last week in April.

At that point, Merrill said "there was no word on buying a packer from April 17, when the bids were announced until May 1, when the contract has expired. Then we decide on buying."

Winterstein in reply stated that he and MacManus "finally took the initiative when no one else would."

Merrill questioned insurance, upkeep, manpower, etc. He added, "will we be able to guarantee the borough residents a smooth efficient take over?"

MacManus answered Merrill with the statement, "Its time for this borough to get moving, lets move." He added that it was his belief that in the interest of progress in the borough, the citizens would be willing to put up with a little deficiency in garbage removal until the packer

could be purchased.

The vote showed the council 4-2 against rejecting the bids, Winterstein and MacManus the minority voters. Then on a question whether to act or table the bids, on a motion from Winterstein, the matter was tabled one month.

A representative from Galka-Bean present at the meeting was asked if his company would continue to pick up garbage in the borough for the month of May. Stating that he was not in the position to make a commitment, he said he would call a company meeting to ascertain the answer.

Bids were also rejected by council for pipe for the road committee. The tie decision was broken by the mayor in favor of the rejection following the opening of the bids. Only one of the bids received contained all items required in advertised specifications. That bid was the highest, \$300 above the lowest bid received.

The decision to readvertise was followed by a motion and acceptance to open the bids at the May work session.

Questions from the audience brought out the problem of illegal parking on the lake road. A woman stated from the floor that fisherman are parking with two wheels on the asphalt. This parking coupled with the one-lane portions of the road and poor conditions were seen by the woman as a safety hazard. The mayor and Winterstein agreed with the woman and stated that the police would be cautioned to watch for the violations.

Tom Cadawalder said from the floor that he heard the council was "contemplating raising fees on boathouses and residences repairs." He added that it was stated in the building code,

Updating treatment plant rejected by DAMA

An Environmental Protection Agency request for the updating of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority's sewage treatment plant was unanimously rejected by the authority's members at the April 17 meeting. The members instead resolved to write the EPA, advising them of the authority's inability to comply with the requested updating.

According to Spencer Martin, DAMA chairman, the inability to comply with the request is due to lack of funds. However, when contacted after the meeting, Martin stated that even if DAMA had sufficient funds to meet with the request, they would not comply. Martin said if DAMA had money to spend it would use it to provide area residents with sewer hook-ups.

Tom Bagely, DAMA manager, explained that the updating requested by the EPA was estimated by DAMA

engineers to cost \$1 million. He added that the plant presently is only three years old and "met all EPA requirements when built."

The updating now requested by the EPA would change the plant from its original "secondary treatment" purpose to include the removal of ammonia nitrate in its treatment. The EPA updating is required by July 1977, according to Bagely.

Bagely explained the EPA request is based on a permit granted DAMA by the agency. He said that when the treatment plant went into operation, federal law made it necessary for the authority to obtain the permit. He added, "Now the requirements are very stringent and very expensive."

Martin said the authority signed the permit, "without really knowing what we were getting into." He added that he felt the authority was in a "tight

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Kassab says cross-county delay to end

Jacob G. Kassab, transportation secretary for Pennsylvania, promised last week to "find a way to place the project (for the completion of the Cross Valley Expressway) under construction this year."

Kassab's statement came in a letter to state Rep. Frank J. O'Connell, Jr. in which the secretary termed the expressway completion "a badly needed facility (that) has been plagued by numerous delays over the years."

Kassab added that, "hopefully the major problems have been overcome." He said that District Engineer Thomas Harrington is now proceeding with the clearance of right-of-way and a "proposal will be written as soon as the plans are completed so that we will be in a position to let the job, if the funds are available."

Lake-Lehman in weekend competition

This coming Friday morning at 8:30 marks the departure of the prize-winning Lake-Lehman High School Band for an attempt at an international award to add to their collection. Four band buses, three parent buses and numerous cars will depart from the high school for the Blossom Festival '75 at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Saturday morning at 10 the band will march in the parade which will be covered by cable television. The parade will also feature Miss Dominion of Canada, Miss U.S.A. and Gordie Tapp of the television series "Hee Haw". The parade will wind its way along the Niagara River and through the famous Queen Victoria park. Awards will be presented that evening at 6:30 at the Skylon Tower.

On Sunday at 2 p.m. the band will play in the Miss U.S.A. pageant parade on the American side of the falls. They will return to Lehman at approximately midnight Sunday night.

Much time, effort and hard work has gone into the preparation for the trip which, thanks to many interested friends, will become a reality this weekend.

Volunteers needed to help Idetown infant

Volunteers are needed to help in the patterning program of 21 month old

Ann Sevenski. Ann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sevenski, Idetown, who received brain damage at birth.

The petite little blond has two sisters, Karen, age 5 and Kim, age 3.

Ann is a responsive child, who smiles most of the time, her mother noted. Mrs. Sevenski is very optimistic on the success of the patterning program. She said she has seen the progress the infant has made since birth and anticipates good things from the program, set up specifically to meet Ann's needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sevenski became aware of the patterning programs at the Spitz clinic through the parents of Heather Smith from Lehman. Ann underwent surgery last year at the clinic to stop seizures she had been subject to since birth and hasn't had a

seizure since the operation.

Following the operation, a patterning program developed by the Institute for Rehabilitation of Brain Injured was set up to meet Ann's needs. The patterning is meant to develop the child to her full potential. The program requires patterning procedures with Ann six times a day for a half hour at half hour intervals.

Mrs. Sevenski said if she "could manage" to get 125 volunteers, they would only have to come every other week for an hour and a half. The procedure will be done in the Sevenski home. Anyone can learn the exercises of the patterning.

Any help the community can offer Ann will be gratefully accepted. Volunteers are asked to call Mrs. Sevenski at 639-1439.



HELP ANNIE—Annie Sevenski, sits on the lap of her mother, Mrs. Ben Sevenski, Idetown, with her two sisters Kim and Karen. Mrs. Sevenski has issued an appeal to the Back Mountain for volunteers to help Annie's patterning.

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