

## Land policies

by Howard J. Grossman

Recently, land policy became a headline issue in the halls of Harrisburg through the sponsorship by state agencies of a land policy conference. The two-day conference resulted in much discussion on land policy strategies in three areas: urban growth, rural farm, and natural resources. While these three issues by no means form the complete land policy picture, they targeted discussion so that recommendations could be made on what the state might be suggesting in the way of land policy management in coming years.

With respect to urban growth, much concern was shown over housing, transportation, urban economic development, and other related urban growth issues. The need to direct growth around existing urban areas and protect and preserve downtown centers was also part of the urban growth strategy picture. There was, however, concern shown for directing growth in the form of new towns in selected areas of the Commonwealth.

With respect to rural farm strategy, the agricultural community particular stressed the need to protect prime farmlands through appropriate agricultural districting. In addition, there was much sentiment for leaving decision-making with respect to land policy at the local level. The debate which this stirred at the closing of the conference placed in perspective the entire land policy management issue; that is, who will control the use of land and what the roles of various levels of government might be.

The natural resources focus included emphasis on management of flood plains, forest resources, and critical resource areas. There seemed to be sentiment for controlling and protecting these natural resources and to take whatever steps might be necessary to harness the

flood problems which have reeked havoc in many parts of the Commonwealth in the last several years.

In Northeastern Pennsylvania, we have critical resource areas such as the Pocono Mountains and the urban coal areas as well as agricultural land which should be permanently preserved. We also have urban growth areas which are in great need of rehabilitation and revitalization. The Economic Development Council is continuing to monitor the land policy strategies and is participating in the Advisory Committee which will finalize the recommendations as a result of the State Land Policy Conference. Every local government in Northeastern Pennsylvania and every citizen should become knowledgeable and concerned over the role which state government and other levels of government as well as the private sector will play in land policy management. To those who are interested, copies of the tentative recommendations may be obtained by writing the Development Council, Box 777, Avoca, Pa. 18641. The Council welcomes the views of all citizens and officials who will be vitally affected by what state government intends to do in coming months with respect to land policy throughout the Commonwealth.

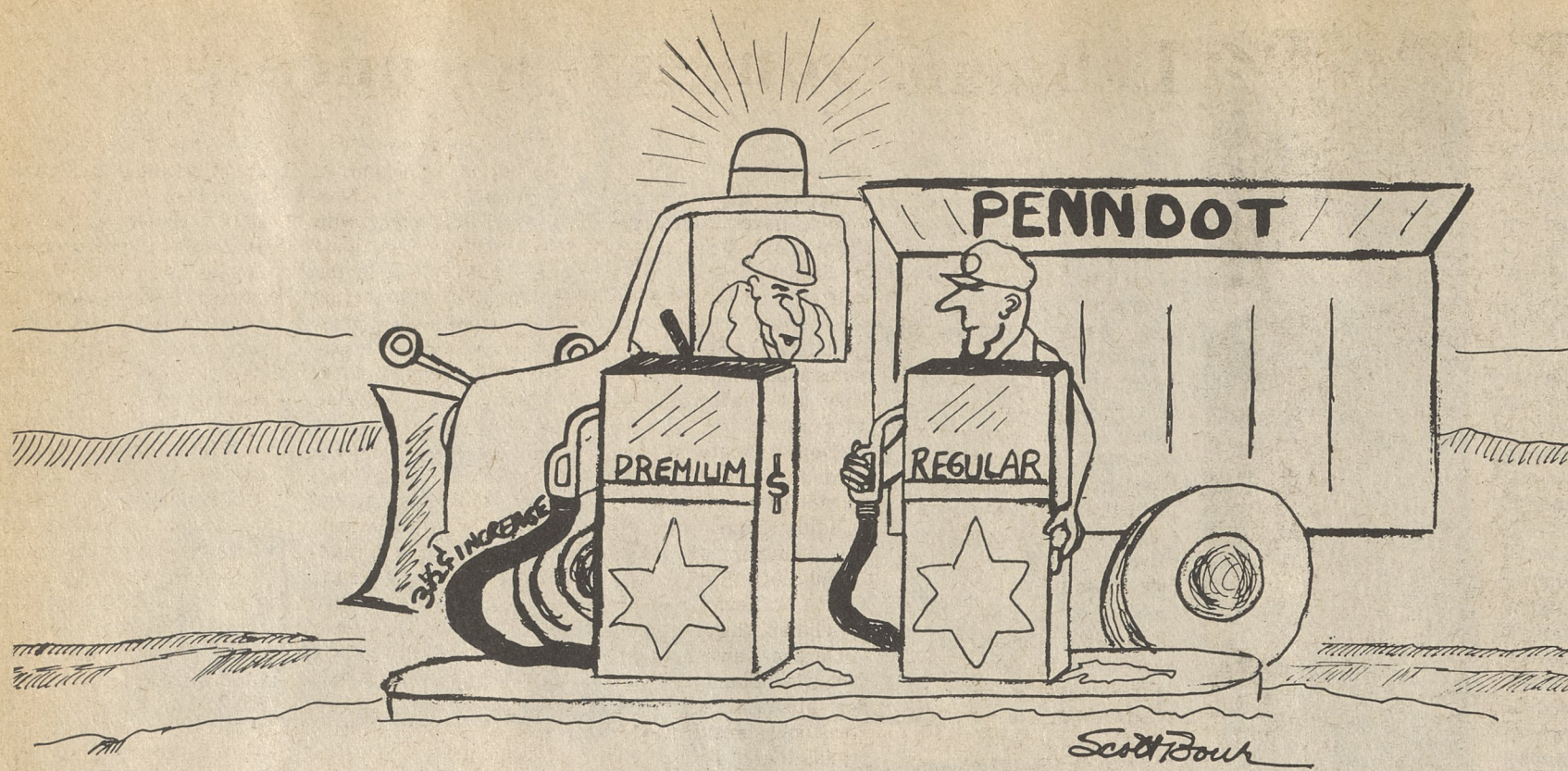
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## Garbage collection

stockholder, claiming that Tattersall is in defiance of his contract with the borough. He adds, however, that it was he and not the council that took this action.

But the new system will be coming on June 1. Tattersall (who has already advertised) and others will be operating as private collectors, and residents may make their own arrangements with them.

Tattersall believes that the new system will be more economical, saying, "Now the customer is limited to so many cans. But with private collections, other arrangements can be made."



## MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

## Leaves must fall

by Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

Some things an old man should be able to remember when he looks over his shoulder and sees how many calendar leaves have been torn off. Some leaves must fall off by the very weight of the years. Not like the evergreen leaves, for years don't cling to the trees or stay green. We are deciduous trees (guess that's the word I want to use!).

For instance, I was looking over the years; the years were not raked up burned at the end of the season. My first class in Greek for instance, Beginners Greek, author of the textbook was White. I was thrilled to be in that class in the autumn of 1912, right after getting established in my room at Wyoming Seminary. I was quite old to be just entering what was about the beginning of high school studies. The teacher was Pedro R. Gillot. This beginning Greek was no "kid stuff" anyway, and I wanted it.

My overall plan was to get ready for theological seminary in preparation for the ministry. That was a great enough plan to make the means to the end worthwhile. I wanted the Greek so as to be able to read the language of the New Testament. Not that I hoped to improve on the English already made in the King James Version. But—Professor Gillot was a classicist of the old school. From my memories of him I am sure he would be greatly disheartened at the trend away from

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## Jackson Twp.

acres. Norris and Konefals Groves will continue serving the township. Cemeteries and churches are to be preserved.

This plan will guide the decisions of township officials providing it is adopted. It should also be amended when warranted by the supervisors.

The capital improvements program covers the scheduled budget for major items in the township up to six years in the future; such things as construction of a new municipal building, and township park. This plan includes Fiscal Analysis, Fiscal Projections, and proposed Capital Improvements.

The projection is that by 1978 the land for the municipal building and town park will be acquired. By 1979 the construction of the park and building is projected for completion. By 1982, the road realignment of intersections in various areas is expected to be complete.

The subdivision ordinance helps to carry out the comprehensive plan. It covers new development, usually new housing in the township. The main purpose is to provide for the orderly process of subdividing and developing land and to assure consistent land division.

the classics, a trend which was already beginning then. People were asking, "Why study Greek or Latin when we have translations already in hand?"

I had already had first year Latin in high school in Binghamton four years before. One can forget a lot in four years, but I entered Wyoming Seminary as a second year student. It was a joy to study under Wilbur H. Fleck, with the text of Caesar's Gallic Wars. And it was no matter to me that Caesar also had English translations; it was a moral question and against the honor system to read Caesar in translations called "pony" or "trot". One had to work out the Latin for one's self. I wanted to learn my languages on the honor system.

When I got into the ministry I found something like the honor system prevailed, but also knew that some preachers came to their Sunday morning preaching time the same way some of the students I had known got through their Latin and Greek courses. I have always been able to say of my own preaching, "I have preached many poor sermons, but they were always my own productions." If I wanted to quote someone's else I would say "QUOTE!"

Beginners Greek became a delight. Then there were advanced courses in both languages. Under Professor Fleck (God bless my memory of him) there came the orations of Cicero, followed in fourth year Latin by

by Virgil's poetic Aeneid. In Greek it was the story of the Greek armies overcoming Persians and finally journeying "up" to the sea, for the Greeks thought of the sea as almost a mountain, and when they reached it in the Anabasis (the "going up") they shouted at their first view of the sea "Thalassa". And the reading of the beautiful poetry of Homer's "Odyssey" called for the study of scansion and the metres involved and the almost sing-song rhythms.

In college I studied Greek under a delightful man with a full yellow beard and kindly way, Dr. William Heidel. The Euthyphro was a book which included a war-quarrel between Socrates and the young man

Euthyphro.

I would like to speak of the writings of Plato and his Apology, or defense of Socrates, and his monumental essay on the Immortality of the Soul. I often think of all that Jesus is quoted as saying about the Father's house of many mansions, and other writings of St. Paul and St. John, as well as others who quoted Jesus, but also I shall probably not forget Socrates' courage before or while receiving the emblem of his own death. When I think of Socrates I think of what he called himself as our Dottie is teaching and practicing midwifery, because Socrates called himself a midwife of ideas; he helped to bring to birth ideas in the minds of many young students.

## ONLY YESTERDAY

## Local leaders plan Community Council

40 years ago—January 21, 1938

The movement to establish a Community Council, to enlist residents of three local communities in a harmonious effort for civic development, took another decisive stride forward last night when more than a score of business men and community leaders sat down together to lay plans.

Ice harvest begins on local lakes and ponds as mercury skids to 18 below zero. Arthur L. Stull is shipping from 50 to 60 cars of ice daily from Mountain Spring on North Mountain.

Kingston Township won a night club and a gas station and Courtdale won a laundry in a boundary dispute which ended this week.

A group of residents on Davenport Street complained this week that overflow from a large water tank on a knoll along the street has frozen into a solid sheet of ice across the highway, creating a serious hazard.

Shavertown firemen enlist 40 new recruits in their drive for new members with Red Schwartz' Black team leading the Red team captained by Ralph Smith.

Dallas Borough High School basketball team, which won the Back Mountain championship last winter, stepped into an early lead in the local league this week with two victories and no defeats on its record.

Engaged—Helen Ann Himmler to Alva Austin Eggleston.

Married—Beatrice Shotwell and Milton Hughey.

Clarence LaBar of 105 Main St., Dallas, 155 lb. wrestler at East Stroudsburg State Teachers College, has won the coveted varsity letter "S", making him eligible for the Varsity Club. A senior, not only has he been an outstanding athlete but he has affiliated himself with several of the extra-curricular organizations of the campus and has attained a fine record of scholarship and endeavor.

You could get—Pork loins, rib end 16 cents a lb.; stewing chickens 27 cents lb.; rib roast 21 cents lb.; eggs 27 cents doz.; dill or sour pickles 2 qt jars 29 cents; dried lima beans 2 lbs. 15 cents; pineapple juice 2 No. 2 cans 25 cents; potatoes 21 cents peck; extra large lemons, 29 cents dozen; carrots or beets 2 bchs. 9 cents; celery hearts 2 bchs. 15 cents.

30 years ago, January 16, 1948

For the second consecutive year, Playground and Recreation Assn., under the direction of Miss Ruth Sweezy, will present a series of night courses at Kingstons Township High School for all adults of the Back Mountain region.

Three fire companies fought the stubborn blaze for an hour and a half on Monday afternoon to save the house of Mr. and Mrs. G.L.C. Frantz on Idetown Road, at Lehman. Damage was estimated at \$3,500 and the family lost practically all of their clothing and personal possessions.

Dallas American Legion Post obtains a liquor license and opens its roster for associate membership. The Legion Post was chartered in 1935.

Dallas Legionaires were defeated 75-72 Sunday afternoon in a fast-moving game with Luzerne Athletics in Dallas Borough High School gymnasium.

Now playing at local theatre—"Stallion Road," Ronald Reagan, Alexia Smith, Zachary Taylor, Shaver Theatre.

Married—Helen Marie Roberts and Everett L. Hines; Martha Elizabeth Kanick and Roy H. King; Naomi Clara Higgins and Lee Allen Shepperson.

Deaths—Earl W. Keithline, formerly of Shavertown; Mrs. Maude B. Splitt, Jackson; Albert Calkins, Alderson. You could get—Steaks 79 cents lb.; short ribs or stewing beef 35 cents lb.; sauerkraut 2 cans 25 cents; Ritz crackers 30 cents lb. pkg.; coffee 43 cents lb.; tuna fish 7-oz. can 37 cents; cinnamon buns 35 cents doz.; Peter Pan peanut butter 33 cents; tomato soup 3 cans 28 cents; jumbo Florida oranges 25 cents dozen; fancy mushrooms 49 cents; fresh carrots 2 bchs. 19 cents.

20 years ago—January 24, 1958

The fire engine at Orange is completed and last week the fire engine was transferred from Leon Emmanuel's garage to its new quarters.

Herbert A. Lundy and Walter S. Black are named secretary and vice president and comptroller respectively of the board of directors of the Susquehanna Savings and Loan Assn.

Dallas Area Booster Club distributes jackets to the senior members of the Dallas Area football team at Westmoreland and Dallas Township assemblies last week.

Charles Flack, New Goss Manor, heads the Dallas Community Ambulance Drive which will start Feb. 15 when coin cards will be distributed. They will be collected during the week of June 7.

Jim Huston is injured when he steered toward a utility pole, skidded and hit a culvert, to avoid hitting children sliding on an icy highway late Thursday afternoon. He suffered a fractured jaw, lost three front teeth and badly chipped his bottom teeth from impact with the steering wheel.

Engaged—Nancy Inman to Earl Hummel; Evelyn Raspen to Paul A. Taylor; Sandra Graves to Warren E. Denmon; Priscilla Moore to Sherwood Krum; Joan Davis to J. Earl Wivell.

Married—Mary Graves Hess and Ensign Philip H. Quarrier.

Deaths—Leslie R. Sutton, Lehman; Mrs. Marion White, Dallas; Ernest Weber, Beaumont; Martin S. Coe, Idetown.

Now playing at local theatres—"Bomber B-52," Natalie Wood, Himmler Theatre; "The Sad Sack," Jerry

Levis, Forth Fort Theatre; "Baby Face Nelson," Mickey Rooney, Luzerne Theatre.

Dallas downs Ashley 75-73 to tie for first place with Swoyersville.

Alderson downs Shavertown and Huntsville gets easy victory over Prince of Peace in Church League.

Lehman drops crucial game to Fairview by 59-47 score.

You could get—Chuck roast 45 cents lb.; pork sausage 49 cents lb.; frozen diners 59 cents each; fresh potato salad 16-oz. 33 cents; frozen French fries 2 pkgs. 35 cents; swiss cheese 8-oz. 39 cents; brussel sprouts 29 cents qt.; rutabagas 5 cents lb.; white bread 17 cents loaf; margarine 33 cents lb. 10 years ago—January 25, 1968

Spencer Martin, chairman of the Municipal Authority, outlined the cost of the sewage system for the Dallas area at a meeting Thursday night at the Dallas Senior High School. Residents who attended the meeting found that all areas were not included.

One of the highlights of the recent Dallas Community Ambulance Assn. was the announcement that a memorial fund was being established for the late William Wright with the entire community which he served privileged to contribute.

John B. Hibbard, president of Commonwealth Telephone Co., was named to the advisory board of Dallas Office of the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, according to an announcement by William J. Pack, president of the bank and a resident of Dallas.

Another step in a major con-

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Jimi's politics best

Dear Mr. Editor,

I wasn't going to write this letter because the council meetings and political rallies I have attended the last two weeks have been covered by reporters from all the papers, but for some reason or other, something I thought was important was bypassed.

For the first time since I have been attending council meetings at Harvey's Lake, there was an American flag present in the room, and our new mayor, Alvin Zim, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, which I for one felt was a very nice gesture.

At the moment when the mayor's vote would have meant something he was called away to fight a fire. The council spent about 15 minutes trying to pass the buck back and forth to the sewer authority for setting the rates.

None of the council members wanted to get involved in setting the exorbitant rates, but I noted when an appointment came up for the sewer authority, without a moment's hesitation, council reappointed Mr. Gunster, which means to me the council is in favor of the high rate that the sewer authority pledged on

everyone.

Personally, tho I fight and argue with all the sewer authority members, especially Mr. Bill Owens, I feel they are all doing their best and I approve Mr. Gunster's reappointment.

The new mayor officially opened ice fishing, but warned everyone to be careful because of the bubble systems put around docks. Down at Jimi's Restaurant in Dallas he set up a special table for the political minded to meet.

Certain sure Bud Hobrak can't put a surcharge against council for the Sunshine Act, because any resident can see hear and talk informally with any council members who happen to be in there which they can't always do at a council meeting.

I heard Jules Landau telling them if there was anything he could do for them, Federal or statewide, he would, tho he isn't a resident of Back Mountain. I heard one woman complain to council member McManus about her road and noticed they repaired it next day, so it might be a better idea to go to Jimi's instead of council meetings.

Yours truly,  
Richard Tattersall

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