



JUST THE BEGINNING - This is just the beginning of the damage done by the fire to Lakeside Hotel last week at Harveys Lake. The flames destroyed Tattersall's property and left more than 20 persons homeless.

Lakeside Hotel destroyed

"It wasn't the Ritz"

The Thursday morning fire which gutted the top two floors of Tattersall's Lakeside Hotel not only left four families homeless but it also damaged extensively one of Harveys Lake oldest structures.

Richard Tattersall, owner of the building, estimated its age at about 100 years. An estimate of 75 years was given by Harveys Lake Police Chief James Faerber.

When the fire toppled the roof, it destroyed volumes of guest ledgers, Tattersall said, which included the names of "kings and princesses" who frequented the hotel around the turn of the century. Remnants of days past were destroyed: crystal, old bells, history recorded by photographs, mining lamps, old guns and coins and more. Wicker furniture which was in the hotel when the Tattersalls purchased it 20 years ago was burned. He estimated the age to be 50-60 years for each piece.

The fire began in apartment 10 on the second floor. Harveys Lake Fire Department, assisted by 60 volunteers

from neighboring communities, began fighting the blaze at 10:30 a.m. By 12:45, the fire was under control, but the building's second and third floors were caved in.

The cause of the fire is not known, Faerber said. The exact cause may never be known, he said, since the caved in second floor makes it almost impossible to investigate.

Tattersall, however, said the fire probably started when "either a pot boiled over or the lady forgot to turn the stove off." The occupant of the apartment had resided in the hotel for the past 9-10 years, he said.

No one was in the building when the fire started. "It was very unusual for everybody to be out of the building," he said. "It just happened."

Most of the residents are staying with Tattersall's daughters who also live at the lake. "We're all sleeping on the floor in sleeping bags," he said. "You know, barracks style." The families are waiting for Tattersall to decide if he is going to restore the structure, he said.

Restoration of the three-story, 50 room structure, is possible, he said. But "red tape" and insurance estimates are holding up any decision he might make. He has insurance, he said, but only about one-third of what he should have. If he does restore the building, he said he won't rebuild to its original size.

There was a time when the Lakeside Hotel was the largest at the lake, Tattersall said. When the steamboats still cruised the lake and docked in front of the hotel, guests were being served glorious luncheons in the 35 x 40 dining room and being entertained in elegant style, he said. Now, it was the only hotel.

"It wasn't the Ritz," he said. "But it was a wonderful place to live."

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PennDOT plans inspection of Harveys Lake drainage

Sometime this spring PennDOT representatives will visit Harveys Lake Borough to inspect the drainage and runoff situation in an attempt to determine what can be done during the summer to prevent a recurrence of this winter's serious ice problem.

The inspection, which will not be scheduled until the present snow cover melts, was arranged by State Senator T. Newell Wood, and a representative from Senator Wood's office, probably Bernard J. Boback—the senator's administrative assistant, will accompany the PennDOT team. Borough personnel may also be invited to go along on the inspection.

According to Paul Dobson of the PennDOT Harrisburg office, PennDOT will go over the area thoroughly and try to determine the source of

water runoff and ice buildup. "Although we don't have much money available," said Dobson, "it may be possible to handle the projects, whatever they are, within our budget."

Dobson said that he doesn't know if the responsibility for the ice problem is entirely PennDOT's or not, however. He suggested that growth and development may have to be more rigidly controlled in the area, perhaps through more restrictive zoning laws.

He also pointed to improper installation of driveways in the borough as being a possible source of difficulty. "Driveways put in without drainage create run-off onto the roads. Some of them may have been installed without a permit. In any

case, they should be carefully inspected," he suggested.

He pointed out that PennDOT has already installed some drainage in the borough. "We put in drainage last year at a cost of about \$25,000 to \$30,000," he contended, "and we spent maybe \$8,000 on end walls for pipes to prevent erosion."

Dobson, however, cautioned residents not to expect large-scale projects in the borough, as funds are limited. "A lot depends on the size of the improvements necessary," he said. So far we have nothing major scheduled for the Harveys Lake area."

Senator Wood's office initiated the inspection. Harveys Lake borough officials are expected to be formally notified shortly.

Also seeks road closing

Krasner proposes \$2,000 donation to Lake Twp.

An agreement may be reached in the near future concerning reimbursement of police pension fund money to Lake Township which was inadvertently transferred to Harveys Lake Borough 10 years ago. Lake

supervisors also discussed a proposed donation from John Krasner, whose wife is the principal stockholder in a company owning real estate in the township.

Lake Township solicitor Jim An-

zalone reported at Wednesday night's supervisors meeting that he had recently met with Atty. John Thomas, who is representing Harveys Lake Borough, in an attempt to come to some settlement concerning the money.

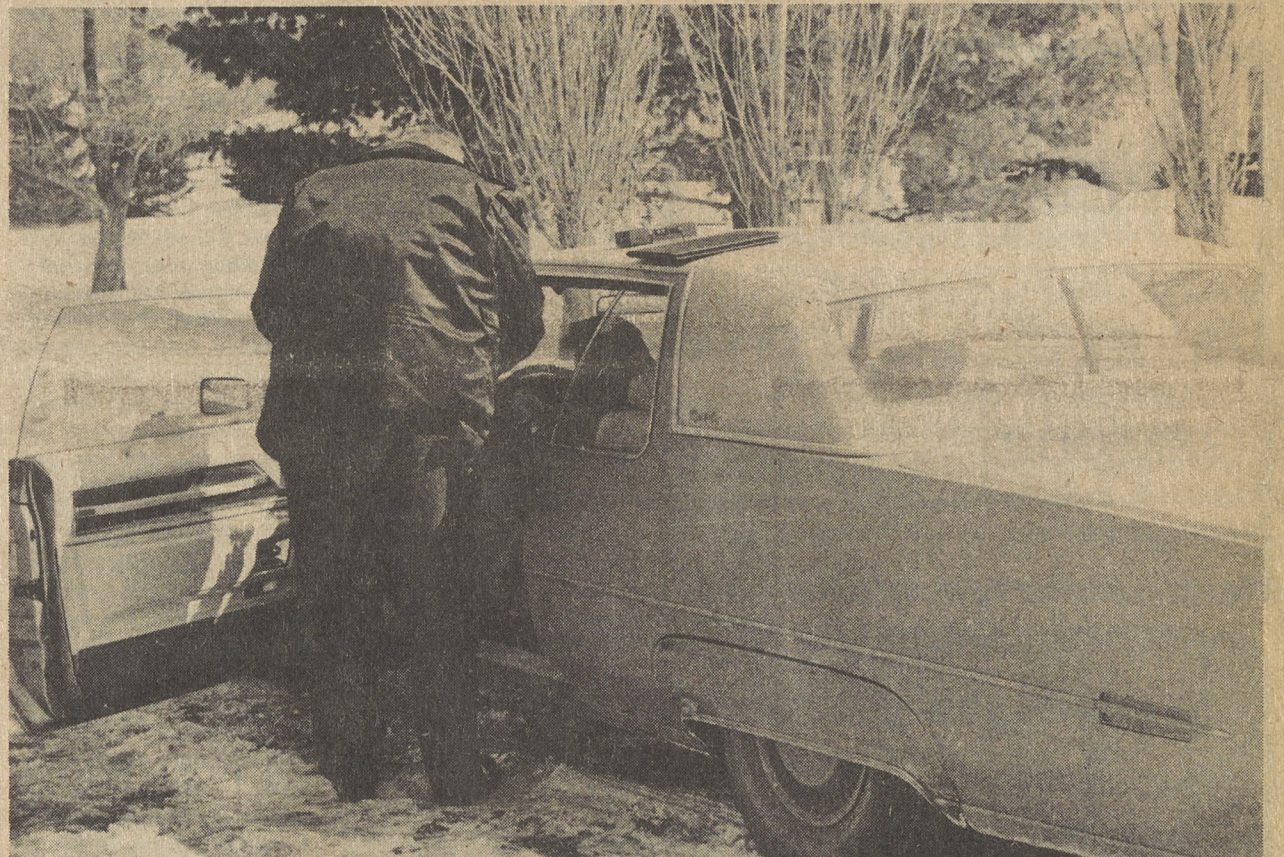
Thomas informed Anzalone that Harveys Lake Borough would be willing to return the \$5,847.32 to Lake Township but, would not pay any interest on the money.

The State Auditor General's office is presently withholding approximately \$17,000 from each municipality's police pension fund, which will not be returned until the situation is settled. The Auditor General's office has strongly recommended that the money be returned to Lake Township but is not clear as to whether interest should be forthcoming.

Anzalone recommends that rather than continue fighting the case for an undetermined amount of time, Lake Township would be better off accepting the original \$5,847.32. After these funds are returned to Lake Township, the Auditor General's office will release the remaining funds to the two municipalities.

Anzalone suggested that Lake Township enter into a joint ordinance with Harveys Lake Borough in order to satisfy the Auditor General's office. In the ordinance Harveys Lake borough would agree to return the \$5,847.32 and Lake Township would agree to end the law suit.

The board agreed that Anzalone should pursue the matter in this fashion. The subject of a township building was raised. The board was questioned as to whether they had ever sought federal funding for the municipal building. Anzalone stated



DAYLIGHT ROBBERY—Chief Edward Lyons takes description of young male from Jack Hines, Dallas Acme Manager, who was held at gun point and robbed of an undisclosed amount of money. Hines was handcuffed to the steering wheel of his car by the robber. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Thief robs Acme manager at gunpoint

wild animals, with no hunting allowed. He assured the board that he has no intentions of building or opening any business on the property, or anywhere in the township.

Krasner also assured the board that he has "nothing but good intentions for the township." He stated, "There will be nothing there that will ever degrade the community. All we want is privacy."

Solicitor Anzalone informed Krasner that township roads cannot be sold, however the supervisors can petition the court to abandon the road. No decision was made concerning this proposal.

The board voted to reimburse secretary Ruth Valick for traveling and lunch while she attends four training sessions in Harrisburg this month.

Recreation Council views progress of local projects

Officials of the Back Mountain Recreation Council met recently to review progress on various projects to improve recreation facilities and opportunities in the Area.

The board of directors announced that the community park project spearheaded by the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors will continue in the spring with development of the site and opening of a portion of the park area for use.

Communication with the supervisors continues in relation to specific Park development plans and other elements of the project.

Recreation Council officials also are studying other areas for possible recreation use in the Back Mountain. A meeting was held with officials of

the Dallas Borough Council and a meeting of the advisory board to the recreation council has also been held.

The Recreation Council, a non-profit corporation, is seeking to broaden its membership and activities and welcomes interest and suggestions from any resident in the Lake-Lehman and Dallas School District municipalities who wishes to participate in the development of new recreation opportunities.

Those interested in participating or in advising on new possibilities in the recreation field should write Box 444, Dallas, Pa., c-o the Recreation Council and outline their interests. The council also has a slide presentation which can be given to service clubs in the area.

Area police are investigating the theft of a bag of money from the manager of the Dallas Acme Market in the parking lot of the store in broad daylight this past Monday.

Jack Hines, store manager, told police that he left the store with the money bag to go to the bank in the company of employee Robert Law just before noon when another car pulled alongside his in the parking lot.

The driver reportedly pointed a gun at Hines and Law and demanded the money. He then handcuffed them to the steering wheel and ordered them to put their heads down. He exited the parking lot out to Church St. and went down Route 415 toward Franklin's.

The thief was described as a white male in his mid-30's, approximately 5'8" in height, and about 165-170 pounds in weight. He was said to be wearing glasses and a white head band. He was dark complected.

The car was described as a 1965 Dodge Dart, four-door, tan or beige, with New York license plates.

Hines was reportedly carrying the receipts of Acme's weekend business to the bank. The amount of money taken was not publicly disclosed.

Investigating is Dallas Borough Police Chief Edward Lyons, assisted by the Pennsylvania State Police, Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers and Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol.



NOT THAT WAY - Larry Griffin, Dallas Junior High faculty member, had trouble getting his donkey to go the right way in the donkey basketball game at Dallas Senior High School last Saturday. Finally, he got the animal going and Griffin scored the two points and gave the junior high the 22-20 win in overtime. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)