



KITE SKIING-Jack Davis lands in the water with his huge kite after skiing through the air at Harveys Lake this past week.

Dallas Mayor: 'My concern is the open drinking and littering on Main St.'

"My concern is the open drinking and littering on Main Street," said Dallas Borough Mayor Jim Davies.

"I don't hold the taverns responsible for the open drinking nor for the littering. I realize that they cannot be responsible for what goes on out on the street. That is a police problem. But I do believe that they could extend the courtesy of cleaning up in front of their business places, which is the responsibility of any place on Main Street."

"The open drinking is my chief concern. I realize that a lot of people come in from out-of-town and there is no way of knowing who they are. But I'd like to see an ordinance of some kind so the police can stop the open drinking."

"As far as the littering--in the past few weeks we have received excellent cooperation from the businesses in cleaning up in front of their places."

Dick Chaney, one of the two owners of The Hearstone, said he did not feel they should be responsible for the litter. He believes it is unjust to single the taverns out as responsible.

He said The Hearstone has a security man on duty to check iden-

tifications and also to make certain no glasses go out of the place of business. Chaney did say, however, that if an individual purchases a six-pack to go, there is no way the tavern can be responsible for what the buyer does after he leaves the premises.

Chaney indicated if anyone had any suggestions to better conditions he would be glad to hear them.

Robert Yurksis, owner of Bob's Town Tavern, said that most often the cans and bottles on the street are brands he does not sell, that a lot of them are brought up from downtown. "We can't stop them," he said.

"Where are the police when the noise and drinking on the street occurs?" he asked. "Every night the police leave the building and are gone for three or four hours. How long does it take to patrol 13 miles of road within the borough?"

"Let the police take care of Main Street," said Yurksis.

Harold Brobst, president of Dallas Borough Council, said that he can't foresee a new ordinance. He believes the borough has enough laws and ordinances now if the police use them.

"The police should be able to keep

Main Street under control by surveillance," said Brobst.

Police Chief Ed Lyons said that he and the mayor are contacting other communities to determine whether or not they have an ordinance or, if not, how they control open drinking on main thoroughfares and throwing bottles or cans on streets. After a thorough study, recommendations will be made to council members.

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Lake-Lehman reactions to tax hike

Lake-Lehman school directors proposed budget for 1978-79 shows a 12-mill increase, or approximately \$205,000 more in income than in this year's budget.

Following the public meeting held May 30 at the high school to give taxpayers an opportunity to pose questions they might have concerning the budget, there were varied reactions by residents within the district, some of them with children in school, and some with none in school.

Among these was Thomas Yoniski, Oak Hill resident, who has a third and a seventh grade student. Yoniski said he is in favor of the increased millage if it means a new school for Lake-Noxen and the continuation of quality education. He said he does not believe that the taxes are too bad for the return residents get in education.

"All costs for everything are increasing at a rapid rate and who knows where it will stop," said Yoniski. "We have no industry such as there is in the city so the millage in Lake-Lehman does not bring in as much income. The district has grown in the years since I have been here and there has been improvement and continued progress. We also can be thankful that we have teachers who care about the students and do not go on strike."

A second resident of the district who preferred to remain nameless is opposed to the 12 mill increase. He has no children and plans to retire this year. He said that he has lived within the district for 25 years and during that time his taxes have gone from \$73

to nearly \$1,000.

He does not see where there has been much improvement in the school system. They are presently deducting the one percent earned income tax from his wages which is extra and he said he believes that he is paying enough in taxes.

"I believe in supporting the schools," he said, "but things are going too far. The teachers also are going too far. They keep demanding more benefits; they should cut back on teachers' benefits. It's the taxpayers who are paying for it, and, in many cases, those taxpayers have no benefits. I have to pay for my benefits, so should they--not the taxpayers."

A housewife, whose son is married and living outside the district, asked, "What are we getting for it? There's entirely too much spent on administration. As far as I know, all we ever received for our tax money was the new school. I can't say anything about the education today since I have no one in school. I do know that my taxes have increased from \$86 to \$347 in the more than 25 years I have been in the district."

A well known resident of the Back Mountain area, who lives in the Lake-Lehman School District, said that since the district has no industry the bulk of the school costs must come from the homeowner. He said he believes that the school board should look into those persons who don't pay the one percent earned income tax.

"This district has a problem with postoffice addresses," he said. "Some

Lake-Lehman mail goes to Dallas; some goes to Hunlock's Creek, and some even goes to Shavertown. The directors should talk to Berkheimer (tax collection agency) and see what should be covered."

He also believes that the people renting who are not paying per capita tax should be checked, and perhaps they should pay a higher tax. He also said that it is the time that the county came through to all municipalities with a fair tax assessment.

"It depends upon whom you know or who you are whether you pay a high or low assessment. Everyone should be fairly assessed instead of political influence intervening."

A housewife, who lives on Hillside-Huntsville Road, believes that the 12 mill increase is necessary. She has a son who attends Lake-Lehman High School.

"You get what you pay for," she said. "We have to keep step with the times. I guess we need the new school for Lake-Noxen, too. That school out there has been there for as long as I can remember. It was in bad condition then, so it certainly must be worse now. We also need to continue a broad education program. We have to pay high prices for everything else why not for education."

An Idetown resident expressed strong objections to the proposed increase. "The taxes keep going up and up-enough is enough. It's time to get some teachers who know what they are doing. And to hire a man and pay him for a year, that's ridiculous! And now when they appoint him as

superintendent, they give him a raise. Where else do you find such working conditions as that?"

"If you ask me, the district is going hog wild. The waste alone in the schools represents a large amount of money. It's time we got back to the basics."

Theron Osborne of Oak Hill said that he did not feel too strongly about the increase.

"If you are going to have schools, you have to support them. Perhaps they could have done some paring. An increase of 12 mills at one time seems like a lot. I'm willing to pay if something good happens but I haven't seen it as yet."

"If the increase in taxes can help provide better education it's worth it. It will hurt people on fixed incomes, however. I have two who graduated from high school and are now in college; and a third one who will graduate this year. I will still have another one in school in the district. I do believe the majority of the taxpayers can afford the 12 mills."

An Idetown resident, who is employed in the Back Mountain, said that she believes the district should get rid of some of the administrators. She believes that they could do with fewer and still manage the district well. She said she strongly opposed the hiring of a man for a year's on-the-job training paid at the taxpayers expense.

A Jackson Township resident said she does not believe an increase is

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CONTEST WINNER-Patty Allen, RD 3, Wyoming, displays her poster which won first place in the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction poster contest.

About the Class of '78--do they believe in God?

by Tom Mooney

They believe that honesty is very important, but they would cheat on exams in desperate situations and would not turn in anyone else cheating.

Catholics are just about as likely to consider abortion justified as non-Catholics and people claiming no religion.

These and other conclusions turned up recently in a survey of Dallas High School students taken by 1978 graduate Joan Otto.

Polling 91 psychology students, with cross-references as to religious preference and sex, Otto asked for answers to 20 questions designed to elicit statements of belief and to compare belief to actions.

The gap between beliefs claimed and actions taken surprised Otto herself, by her own admission.

"The survey shows that, contrary to popular thinking, a lot of adolescents do have structured beliefs. But those beliefs frequently don't affect their behavior," she said.

Perhaps the best illustration of that "surprise" is the set of three questions pertaining to honesty.

While 92 percent claim that honesty is anywhere from "very" to "somewhat" important, fully two-thirds say that they would cheat on crucial exams if not prepared. A staggering 95.5 percent say that they would not turn in anyone else seen to cheat.

Earlier in the survey, 64 percent had said that they believed the ten commandments should be followed, while an overwhelming 91 percent said that they believed in God.

The distinctions among the various religious groups surveyed (Catholic, non-Catholic, and no religious preference) were also not so pronounced as one might expect in comparison of answers by groups. Oddly, perhaps, one's being male or female seemed a slightly more significant determinant of action or belief.

Girls, whether Catholic or non-Catholic, generally expressed some approval of abortion, with little visible differences between the two religious groups. Of the 23 girls professing Catholicism, 16 said that abortion can be right in some cases or is right in all cases, with a substantial

majority opting for the former position.

Of the 27 non-Catholic girls, 24 indicated some kind of approval of abortion, with the division between "right in some cases" and "right in all cases" virtually the same as existed among the Catholics.

The pattern even held true when people claiming no definite religion were surveyed, though the total worked with was small. One girl approved abortion in all cases, while two said that approval depended upon the circumstances.

Jackson Township's zoning still pending

by Joan Kingsbury

Should Jackson Township continue to prepare a new zoning ordinance? This question has been a very controversial subject in the township for the past few years. The majority of township residents in attendance at Monday's supervisors meeting expressed a strong desire to discontinue work on the zoning proposals.

An advisory referendum on the ballot during the May primary asked

the same abortion question suggested, as did several others, that being male or female apparently tends to affect one's belief in ways that religion claimed does not. Boys generally were slightly less tolerant of abortion than girls generally, regardless of religion professed.

Several girls from both the Catholic and non-Catholic groups said that abortion is always justified, while no boys from either of the two groups took that position. One boy claiming no particular religion approved abortion in all cases. One no-religion

girl agreed.

Perhaps another "surprise" was the suggestion that religion did not seem to affect one's choices where matters of drinking, marijuana, and obscenity were concerned.

Whether Catholic, non-Catholic, or no-religion, overwhelming approval was given to lowering the drinking age and legalizing marijuana, with another heavy majority overall saying that obscenity in entertainment was not offensive.

The early part of the survey indicated that, while general approval

the approximately \$350 that will be paid to Miss Pawlowski this month is too much.

Chairman of the Board Fred Fielding explained that Miss Pawlowski is compensated at a rate of \$25 per hour, with attendance at one meeting lasting about four hours, in addition to work done at her office, included in the fee.

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is given to basic and traditional religions ideas, there is a tendency to question scripture and the structure of religion itself.

Most claimed that they believed in God, that God would judge them, that there is an afterlife, and that one's fate after death is contingent upon earthly behavior.

Yet only 26 percent overall held the Bible to be completely true, with many more claiming that it was only partly true. About two-thirds said that they have some doubts about their religions.

Few, however, held the Bible to be completely fictitious or said that they could not accept their religions at all.

Joan Otto, who took the survey earlier this year, will enroll at Indiana University of Pennsylvania this fall where she will major in mathematics, with an emphasis in computer science, and minor in psychology.

The survey was accomplished in a course taught by Jay Pope and administered to psychology students in the senior class.