

Taxpayers seek school survey

The Lehman Township Taxpayers Association will hold a meeting Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the J.R. Davis Fire Hall, Idetown.

The meeting will be the fourth in a series exploring the pros and cons of the proposed construction of the new Lake Elementary School.

The Association also urges citizens to attend the Lake-Lehman School Board meeting on Dec 12 at 8 p.m. at the Lehman Elementary School and voice their opinions on the question.

Those unable to attend the meetings may send the accompanying coupon to either address following: Lake-Lehman Taxpayers Association, RD 4, Box 422A, Dallas, Pa. 18612 Harveys Lake Taxpayers Association, Pole 282, Box 520, Harveys Lake, Pa. 18618.

I/We prefer to		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	or	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Remodel and/or add to the Lake Elementary School as necessary to meet existing codes/mandates.				
Build a new school at an approximate cost of between \$4 - \$6 million (at least 15 plus mills)				
Signature				Signature
Address				Address

Jackson Twp. firemen's fund drive gets underway

The Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department Fund Drive '79' is underway with the first donation of \$200 from the fire company's ladies auxiliary. The auxiliary set a good example for the much needed fund with their generous check. The drive opened on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

The fund drive committee sent out letters on Monday, Dec. 4, to all residents of the township who are registered with the fire department.

If any of the residents did not receive a letter, the fund drive committee urges that they send a donation and a description of where they live. If anyone has relocated or just moved to the township, be sure to register with the fire department. It will save time over the phone at a later date in case of an emergency by sending this information now.

Please remember that the Jackson Township Fire Department is a volunteer organization and that it

cannot be operated without the community's support in the annual fundraising drive.

Donations may be sent to Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department, Fund Drive Committee, RD 5, Box 353-D, Shavertown, Pa. 18708.

Jackson Twp. correction

In the article on the Jackson Township Zoning Hearing published in last paper, Joyce Crumley's statement should have read, "I think rezoning the front portion of my property residential is 'stupid' and illegal' because it has been designated a flood plain by the Army Corp of engineers.

Prince of Peace women plan party

The women of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will meet Wednesday, Dec. 13, following the 10 a.m. Holy Communion. A Christmas party will follow with gifts exchanged and annual Christmas meditation by the rector, Rev. John S. Prater.

Hostesses will be Mrs. George Yatsko, Mrs. Ronald Grant, Mrs. George Gulvas.



TALKING TO SANTA—More than 100 children stopped at the Dallas American Legion last Saturday to talk to Santa and have their picture taken with him by the Back Mountain Jay-Cettes. Telling Santa what they want for Christmas are Billy Jesse, Jon Schaffer, and Bobby Jesse. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)



DOUBTFUL—This tiny tot was doubtful whether or not she wanted to sit on Santa's lap. Finally, with some coaxing from Santa and her mother she conceded and sat on Santa's lap to have her picture taken by the Back Mountain Jay-Cette photographer last Saturday at the Legion home. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Twp. sued

A suit has been filed against Dallas Township Board of Supervisors and Elmer Reese, trading as Rick Reese Excavating, for more than \$10,000 for damage done to the property of Dorothy Henney.

Mrs. Henney claims that 22 trees were cut on her property in Kunkle which borders on the proposed little league baseball field. Last year the township supervisors contracted with Reese to cut down a group of trees adjacent to the field in preparation for the recreational program which they had initiated.

The trees were located between two stone walls. The contractor cut a stand of trees which they thought were on township property but which are alleged to have been on Mrs. Henney's land.

Mrs. Henney's suit contends that the trees were worth \$2,000 and the damage done amounted to \$3,000 plus there was "severe emotional anguish suffered from the loss."

Democrats to party at Fernbrook

The Back Mountain Democratic Club will hold a Christmas party, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Fernbrook Inn, Fernbrook.

All club members are invited to attend.

Dallas plans new tax

Dallas Borough Council has publicly served notice of its intention to pass an ordinance to levy a \$10 occupational privilege tax on persons employed within the borough. (See full text of notice on page 22.)

Council will share the tax 50-50 with Dallas School District rather than pass an ordinance to attach one-half of the school district's right-to-work tax.

The \$10 occupational privilege tax was first passed by the Dallas School District earlier this year as a means of raising additional income needed for the 1978-79 district budget.

If Dallas Borough Council passes the occupational privilege tax ordinance and the school board does not reenact the tax next June, the borough could collect the full \$10.

According to the proposed 1979 budget of Dallas Borough the nine mills will remain the same with anticipated expenses

of \$255,438. Borough officials emphasized that persons employed in the borough pay the tax only once annually and to only one governing body, either the school district or the municipality.

The proposed ordinance will enable Dallas Borough to attach \$5 of the school district's levy.

One borough official said that he does not like the proposed ordinance because he does not believe the additional revenue is needed.

Ralph Garris, council secretary, said that council members believe that some of the occupational privilege tax should be received by the borough because of the expense incurred due to the large number of business places in the borough.

Garris said that the increasing number of businesses require that council provide extra police protection and road clearing services. Borough road workers are responsible for all the

businesses in the area from Fernbrook to above the bowling lanes on Memorial Highway.

When questioned what would happen if the tax ordinance were vetoed by Dallas Mayor James B. Davies, III, Garris said that he was not certain. Garris said that borough solicitor, Atty. Charles Lemmond, would be requested to give a legal opinion and in all probability the veto would delay the ordinance if a majority of council voted for it.

At an earlier date, Kingstons Township passed an ordinance to levy its own occupational privilege tax after first passing an ordinance to attach half of the school district's levy. Later the township rescinded the ordinance in favor of its own tax.

Dallas school officials estimated that there are approximately 5,400 persons employed in the district. No estimate was given of the number in the borough.

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