

Unofficial Local Election Results



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HALLOWEEN DANCE WINNERS—Ghosts or goblins—whatever they are, Joe Shurites and Diane Schroeders above, were prize winners at Dallas Senior High School Halloween Dance last Wednesday night. (Photo by Mark Moran)

HL GOP wins big victory

by Charlot Denmon
In the hottest contest in the Back Mountain elections, the four candidates backed by the Harveys Lake Republican Organization for the four seats on the borough council defeated the four candidates listed on a Democrat ticket which included two incumbent Republicans who had the Democrat nomination but not that of their own party.

The issue in the borough election which brought out a near record crowd of voters was the present council's vote to purchase the stone house owned relatives and business associates of Helen Sgarlat, prominent borough businesswoman and Democrat party power, in the vicinity of Sandy Beach for use by the borough as a municipal building.

Republican candidates received the following votes: J. Bruce Anderson 538, Frank H. Coulton 485, Margaret Purcell 514, and Gifford Cappellini, Jr. 512. On the Democrat side Michelle T. Boice received 372 votes; Frank T. Buono 325, Robert Wintersteen 436; and Robert DeRemer 397.

In Dallas Area School District, Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, Harry

Lefko, incumbent, and C. Russell Havey, Republican candidates, were voted into office.

Fahmy, who was a nominee on both the Republican and Democrat tickets, received a total of 3,235 votes. Lefko had 2,229 votes and Havey received 2,131 votes. Democrats Frank Michael received 1,739 votes and Joseph A. Gorko, Jr. had 1,555 votes.

In the Lake-Lehman School District where the candidates are elected by regions, Allen Sorchik (R) defeated Carl Stine (D) in Region 1 by an unofficial vote of 788 to 360. In Region 2, where the closest race was expected, incumbent Gilbert D. Tough (R) defeated W. Dana Sutliff (D) by the slim margin of 17 votes; and in Region 3, incumbent Donald J. Jones (R), defeated Casimir Kuznicki (D) by a 517-392 vote.

In Jackson Township Republican Fred Fielding, incumbent, was defeated 436 to 324 by Democrat Hazeltine in the race for supervisor.

In Lehman Township where Democrat Thomas Kane opposed Republican Ignatius Hozempa, incumbent, for supervisor, Hozempa was reelected for another term of office.

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Guyette, DAMA 'fencing' with Twp.

by Charlot Denmon
Back Mountain residents inconvenienced last week by the eight-foot link fence erected across the southern access road into the Dallas Area Municipal Authority along Route 309 will now have the gate open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily during business hours.
The fence, which was erected across the roadway running past property owned by William Guyette was erected as a deterrent against vandalism, according to Guyette.
According to Guyette, he was unable to sell the property owned by him adjacent to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority but, during recent weeks, was able to rent it to several businesses. These businesses, he said, wanted security against vandalism so Guyette erected a fence similar to that constructed around the sewer authority plant.
Guyette said that he was not

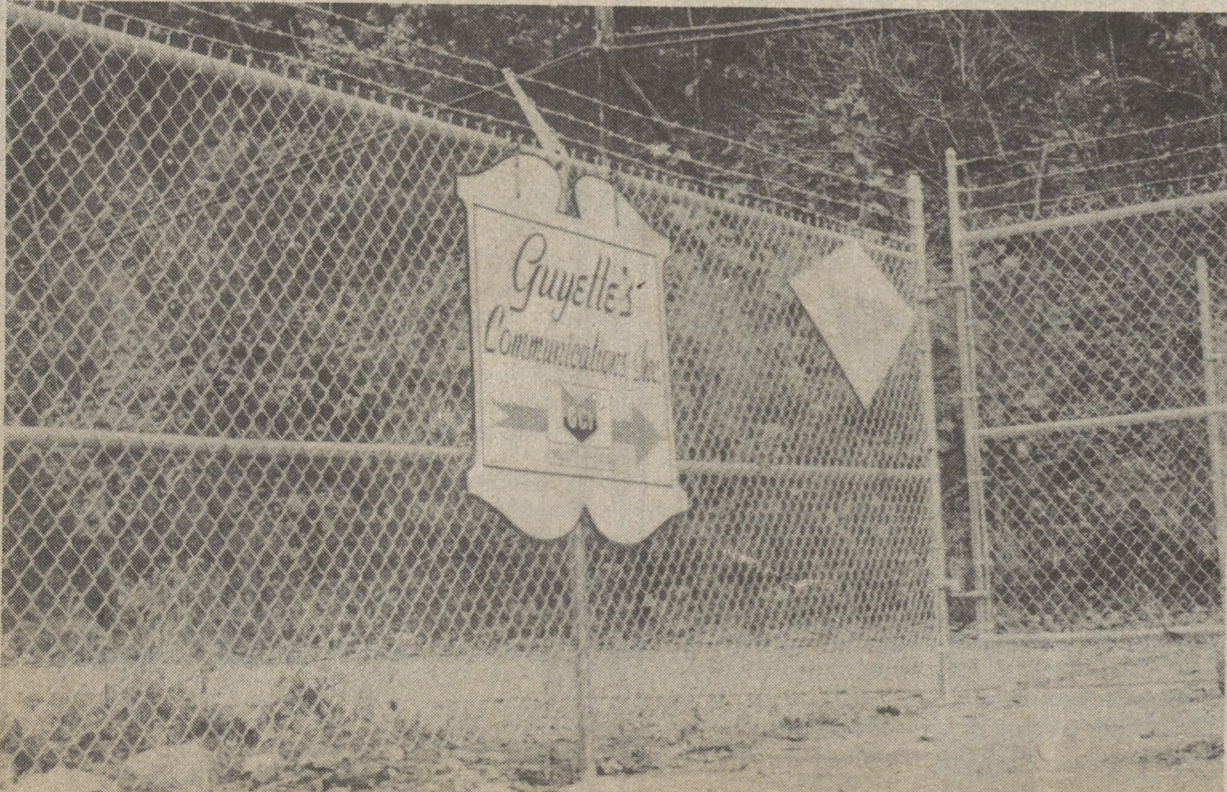
aware of the disturbance the fence was causing among Back Mountain residents until he was approached by the Kingston Township supervisors concerning the fence and the inconvenience it was causing DAMA customers. "If any of the residents had called me about the fence I would have done something about it", said Guyette.
According to Guyette, the problem is now resolved, at least temporarily. He said that he and representatives of DAMA met with the Kingston Township supervisors on Monday, Nov. 5, and he and DAMA agreed to keep their gates open during the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. daily and nights that there are meetings.
Tom Bagley, manager of the authority treatment plant, said that the fence was erected by Guyette without any notification to DAMA. He said that DAMA objected to the fact that it no longer had egress or

ingress to the plant without going to the north access and making a hazardous U-turn.
Bagley said that DAMA also has a fence erected around its facilities and the road but that it is for security reasons.
Like Guyette, Bagley said that representatives of DAMA and Guyette met Monday night with Kingston Township supervisors and both agreed to open their gates in the fences during business hours and on meeting nights.
Kingston Township Manager Mark Kunkle confirmed that the supervisors had met with both parties involved. He also said that the agreement made by DAMA and Guyette was a personal agreement between the two parties.
According to Kunkle, PennDOT abandoned the road in 1966 when the new highway went through and at that time put a barrier in front of the old road.

In 1968, the township acquired the old road from PennDOT by resolution of the supervisors. Kunkle said that apparently Guyette was never notified that it was a township road, thus believed that he (Guyette) had every right to barricade the roadway on what could be his property.
Kunkle also confirmed Guyette's claim that the township did not maintain the road. According to Kunkle, it is his understanding that Guyette and DAMA maintained it.
Guyette said that the township received liquid fuel monies for the section of the road above and below DAMA. He said that this would rule out any suggestion that the north end of the top road did not have legal access to Route 309, as mentioned at Monday night's meeting.
Kunkle said that from 1968 until 1976 the township received liquid fuel tax money for the entire section of the old road. However, according to Kunkle, in 1976 PennDOT did a survey and when PennDOT found DAMA had erected a gate across the road, agreed to pay liquid fuel monies for both ends but not the middle section.

Kunkle, speaking for the supervisors, said that the road is definitely a township road and that the township is presently researching all information before coming to a decision as to resolving the problem with the roadway.
Although DAMA has indicated that it would like to acquire the road, Kunkle said the township has made no decision but he believes that the final decision will be that the township will keep the road and maintain it.

Atty. Merton Jones, in an open letter to the supervisors, indicated that DAMA anticipates acquiring the roadway from the supervisors eventually. Guyette, in a letter to the supervisors, indicated that he was receptive to the township keeping and maintaining the roadway but that he will take whatever legal actions necessary to oppose the takeover of the road by DAMA.



SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY —The eight foot high link fence which was the subject of controversy among Back Mountain residents during the past week is now open during the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. to allow DAMA customers access for entrance to the sewer authority's office. (Photo by Mark Moran)

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