

## Thresholds

Dear Editor:  
Like robins who herald Spring comes the training session for THRESHOLDS, a program in decision-making taught to the men at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.

Fewer than a dozen volunteers were found to take this help to young men about to be released from prison last fall. Could it be hoped that more would be willing to undergo the necessary weekend training for the coming spring weeks? It is at Mercy Center in Dallas from March 20 to March 22. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age.

For further information phone either 823-9548 or 696-3973.

Sincerely,  
Sister Julian  
Mary Julian Baird, RSM

## Boice denies

Dear Editor:

Please print this letter as a correction to your account of the Harveys Lake Borough Council meeting; specifically to the matter concerning the resignation of part-time policeman Jim Faerber. You state in your article that I said I understood Mr. Faerber wanted the entire letter of resignation read at the meeting but chose not to read it in order to speed the meeting. This is incorrect. After reading your account of the meeting, I played back my personal tape recording of the meeting to verify that indeed I did not make such a statement.

First of all the letter was simply placed on the Borough Secretary's desk, sometime prior to our council meeting. This, in my own personal opinion, was an improper way of handling such a situation. I think that the letter should have been handed to, or mailed to, one of three persons; the Mayor, the Chief of Police, or myself, as Chairman of the Police Committee. To this day, I don't know who placed the letter on the desk, or when it was placed there. It was discovered prior to the opening of our meeting. The secretary showed me the letter and asked what I thought should be done with it. I told him, after reading it, that I thought we should announce that Mr. Faerber had resigned and state that the resignation was on file for any interested persons to read. The letter was two pages long and would have taken quite some time to read. When Mrs. Faerber objected so strongly to the fact that the letter was not read, I stated that the only reason was that the letter was so long, but that if it would please her, I would gladly read it, which I then did. As you can see, I had no way of knowing that Mr. Faerber wanted the letter read in its entirety at the council meeting. The way that the Borough acquired the letter was so unofficial, I couldn't even be 100 percent sure at the time that the letter came from Mr. Faerber himself. Later in the evening, Mrs. Faerber's presence and statements verified that it was indeed from Mr. Faerber.

Furthermore, Harveys Lake Borough is in the same situation as everyone else right now. We are taking a serious look at the budget and ways in which to tighten things up a bit. During 1980 we paid a lot of overtime pay, as well as pay to part-time policemen who were needed during the absence of Chief Bulford after his accident. This caused over-runs in our 1980 budget for the police department. We are taking steps to try to prevent this from happening in 1981, via revisions in the schedules, etc. If Mr. Faerber doesn't like the cut in his hours, it's his option to resign, without a bunch of hullabaloo. He has another full-time job and doesn't need the Borough. But, there are a lot of other people out there looking for work, people who need a job. To my knowledge, the cut in hours is not political in any respect. It is more a matter of spreading the funds around in a more fair way this year so that other departments aren't lacking—and, I doubt that there will be a less efficient police department as a result of this.

Michelle T. Boice, Chairman  
Harveys Lake Boro. Police Committee

## Sgarlat criticizes HL voters

A long-time power in Democratic politics has called the people of Harveys Lake Borough "biased" and "stupid" and has announced that she plans to move out of the borough as soon as possible.

Helen Sgarlat, who led the unsuccessful 1979 attempt to get former council members Robert DeRemer and Robert Wintersteen into office as Democrats, said last week that she will take no further part in borough politics.

"I would never raise a hand to help these people again," said Sgarlat in response to a question as to whether or not she would be involved in any aspect of the 1981 campaign. "I can't live in a community that's so biased and stupid."

Sgarlat contended that the borough would not have experienced this year's eight-mill tax increase if voters had retained DeRemer and Wintersteen and rejected a slate of candidates sponsored by the Harveys Lake Taxpayers Association. In January borough council adopted a budget raising taxes from 10.5 to 18.5 mills. She had assisted DeRemer and

Wintersteen in the 1979 primary when they were about to lose the Republican nomination to the Association candidates, helping them cross over as write-in candidates and gain spots on the Democratic ticket as two Democrats who had announced withdrawal.

DeRemer and Wintersteen, however, still lost in the fall election. DeRemer had been borough council president. They had backed a controversial plan to purchase the former Tavel Restaurant, known as the "stone house," in a campaign during which the Association had used the slogan "Stop wasteful spending."

Sgarlat said she will sell her family home in the borough and move to Forty Fort. "They believed the liars," she said of voters in the 1979 elections. "I'm getting to a point where I just don't think they're worth it."

She pronounced the present borough political and tax situation "disgraceful" and predicted that residents and taxpayers will "get it worse and worse as time goes on."

## Pick up Post photos

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turned to the person or persons submitting them if they call within a short length of time.

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## ONLY YESTERDAY

50 years ago-Feb. 13, 1931

Beaumont area residents enjoy gala dedication of the Beaumont High School gymnasium. More than 400 people in attendance hear supervising principal G.A. Robinson comment, "the educational future of Monroe Township is very promising."

Despite a long standing drought, Pennsylvania farmers retain their place as high producers of corn, oats, wheat, rye, buckwheat, white potatoes, tobacco, hay, apples, peaches, pears and grapes.

Kunkle residents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunkle receive unique gift of Columbia River smelts from relatives who live in Kelso, Wash. You could get 12 lb. bag flour, 35c; eggs 23c doz.; lard 10c lb.; butter 29c lb.; sugar 10 lb. 49c; toilet tissue 4 rolls 19c; red raspberries 2 pkg. 25c; blue denim overalls 95c pair; canvas gloves 20c pair.

40 years ago-Feb. 14, 1941

Lehman High School and Dallas Township High School hold classes in national defense. Seventy area youths have registered for these courses which include instruction in general metal work, lathe and forge operation and welding.

Councilmen leave town as rehearsals begin for "Let Us Take Council," a farce poking good-natured fun at the borough council and other town officials. Written by Dallas resident Fred M. Kiefer and directed by Mrs. Harold Rood, the play is being presented by members of the Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crispell of Shavertown receive a special valentine to help celebrate their 57 wedding anniversary on Feb. 14. The couple's first great-grandson is born Feb. 13.

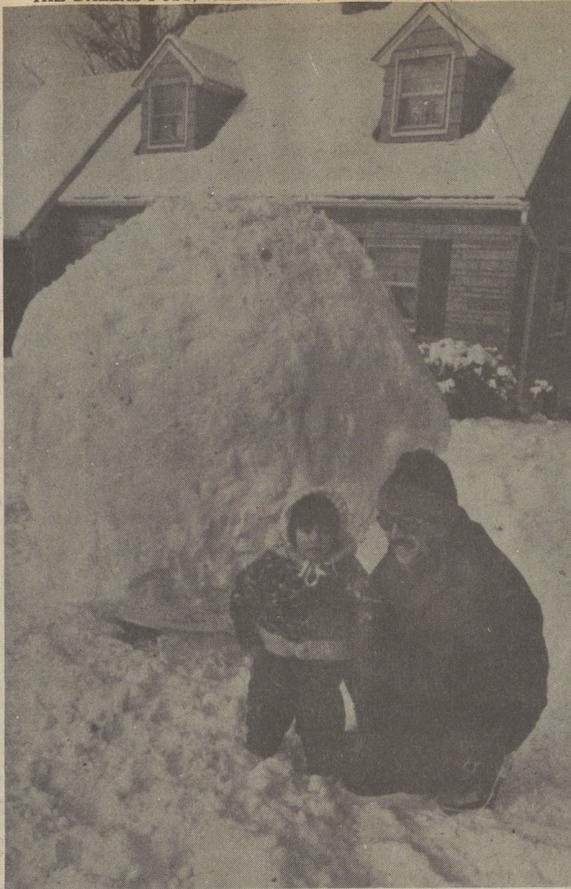
Engaged-Abbie Van Buskirk to John Carr; Grace Mahler to Royal Lyne Junior; Lois C. Mosier to Allen Scattergood.

Married-Ruth Anna Fraley and Ray S. Major; Ester May and William C. Baer.

Deaths-Mary Gardecki, Trucksville.

Now playing at local theatres-Himmeler Theatre, "Tumbling Tumble Weeds"; Gene Autry; Kingston Theatre, "Second Chorus"; Fred Astaire and Paulette Goddard; Capitol Theatre, "Gone With the Wind"; Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh.

You could get-Round, sirloin or



A LOT OF SNOW-It's a six foot high snowball made by Christopher Luksic and Matthew Mihal of Shavertown. The boys made the snowball by themselves until it got so big they had to have assistance from their fathers. Above, Jessica Finch and her father, George Finch, take time out from admiring the snowball to pose for the photographer. (Mark Moran Photo)

## DeRemer plans comeback

An attempted comeback by former borough council president Robert DeRemer will highlight what should be a typically wild and woolly primary election at Harveys Lake this spring.

Three seats on council and the mayor's job will fall vacant. Tuesday was the first day for circulating nominating petitions, while March 10 will be the last. The primary election will fall on May 19 this year.

"My name will be there," said DeRemer, confirming that he will try to regain a seat on borough council by getting on the Republican ballot. DeRemer lost his seat and council presidency in 1979 when a slate of candidates backed by the borough's Taxpayers Association dominated the election.

Though he lost the Republican nomination in the spring, he did manage to get on the Democratic ballot, losing in the general election that fall. As far as backing by the borough Republican organization goes, DeRemer said that he will definitely run as a Republican and that he hopes for party support.

Of the three incumbents on council whose terms expire this year, one said that she probably will not run. Michelle Boice, the only Democrat on the council, said "I don't think I will run again" when asked about her plans, though she added, "I could change my mind."

Andy Morgus, a Republican, said simply "Yes" when asked if he would run for re-election. Becky Casterline, also a Republican, was out of town and could not be reached for comment, though a spokesperson said that she had picked up a nominating petition from the Luzerne County Courthouse and a fellow Republican on council said that he understood she would run again.

The Harveys Lake Taxpayers Association may not have a slate of its own this time, according to its president, William "Buddy" Hoblak.

Instead, continued the president, the Taxpayers Association will probably content itself with giving close examination to the candidates as they announce and then granting its endorsements following a "meet

the candidates" night such as it held two years ago. The Association's plans will be further detailed at its February meeting on the 24th.

Some familiar names apparently will not be involved in politics this year. Former councilman Guy Giordano, a Republican who battled DeRemer on many issues up until 1979, said "No sir" when asked if he would run. Continued Giordano, "My family and my personal life are more important than the trials and tribulations of Harveys Lake."

Frank Kopko, a Republican candidate of the past, was not available for comment, but a spokesperson said quite definitely "No" when asked of his plans. Former councilman Robert Wintersteen is ill in Nesbitt Hospital and will not run.

The Borough's Republican organization, which took a back seat to the Republican-dominated Taxpayers Association in 1979, has not settled its plans yet. Committeeman Richard Myers said that the Republicans will meet Feb. 26 to discuss candidate support as well as their April fundraiser. Also unsettled, for that matter, is the very fact of whether they will endorse candidates at all or simply declare an open primary.

The Democrats, traditionally a minority party, were scheduled for a meeting sometime this week. Democratic leader and former councilman Jack McManus said that he himself has "no plans right now" to run but that he definitely wants the campaign to provide a chance to delve into council's handling of borough finances.

Michelle Boice, a co-leader of the Democrats, said that the party would like to file a full slate of candidates but admitted that, with its minority status, "We really have a problem getting people involved."

Another elective office open is that of mayor. Incumbent Al Zim, a Republican, said "Yes, I will be" when asked if he would be running. No other formal announcements have as yet been noted.

The offices of tax collector, auditor, and judge of election will also be open this year.

## GROSSMAN

## Power of positive results

by Howard J. Grossman  
Northeastern Pennsylvania does look with pride on recent statistics which show that the region has grown since 1970 by as much as the State has grown during those years. For the first time in 50 years the population of Northeastern Pennsylvania shows a gain. In this instance, the gain has been about 22,000 people from over 873,000 in 1930 to over 895,000 in 1980. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in that same span of time, grew by only 23,000 persons. Thus, it may be said that Northeastern Pennsylvania accounted for the entire population increase throughout the State. In point of fact, two of our counties gained by over 45 percent each in the intervening 10 years, and two others showed significant gain. In the three remaining counties, there was a slight decrease in population. On the whole, then, the Pocono Northeast expanded its horizons in those 10 years and completely turned the corner on population change.

At the same time the number of housing units in Northeastern Pennsylvania dramatically increased as a result of second home developments, time share units in major resorts, and through the general construction program

which was paced by growth in the Pocono Mountains.

This does not mean that all is well in Northeastern Pennsylvania. What it does signify is that for the first time in 50 years, a positive measure of growth has been achieved. What this portends for the 1980's remains to be seen, but it is another chapter in the history of the region and can be one of several factors for balanced growth and economic development while retaining the environmental sensitivity which parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania have traditionally cherished.

The Pocono Northeast: A Place to Grow is an achievable slogan and represents a symbol of progress in the region. Too often we focus on all the negatives which the region has shared with other parts of the country. Not enough time is spent on accenting the positive, and the 1980 date as developed thus far, is a positive sign to be envied by all those seeking a better future in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Those persons wishing to receive more information pertaining to population and housing in Northeastern Pennsylvania, may secure the latest data by writing the Economic Development Council, Box 777, Avoca, PA 18641.

## Trudgeon arrested for forgery

A Dallas-area man has been remanded to Luzerne County Court on a charge of forgery, Dallas Borough Police report.

William Trudgeon, RD 4, Dallas, was arrested by Chief of Police Edward Lyons last Wednesday and

was committed to Luzerne County Prison to await trial following an appearance before District Leonard Harvey of Luzerne.

Chief Lyons said that Trudgeon will be charged by Kingston Twp. Police also.

## Car plunges into creek

Three men suffered injuries early Sunday morning when the car in which they were riding plunged into Toby's Creek along Rte. 309, according to Kingston Twp. Police.

Injured were Donald Lumley, 26, of 1126 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, driver of the car, and his two passengers. They are John Jackloski, 29, of 35 Labar St.,

Swoyersville; and Rickey Brown, 26, of 55 Dorchester Dr., Dallas.

Lumley told police he doesn't know exactly what happened but that the 1977 Ford, which had to be towed from the scene, slid on an icy stretch of roadway and went off the berm, ending up in the creek.

Investigating were Ptlm. John Appel and Ptlm. Walter Davis.

## Bomb scare empties schools

The buildings of the Dallas School District were emptied last Tuesday following a telephoned bomb threat, Dallas Twp. Police report.

Police said that a caller phoned the district at 1:19 in the afternoon to say that a bomb had been placed

in one of the schools, leading officials to evacuate all the buildings. No bomb, however, was reported found.

Police said also that the call was traced to the Wilkes-Barre area.

## Teeners' car hits pole

Four teenagers escaped serious injury in a Saturday night crash on Mt. Olivet Rd., Kingston Twp. Police report.

Police said the four, all from the Back Mountain area, were traveling in an automobile along Mt. Olivet Rd. when at a point near Green Rd. on an S-curve, the

vehicle hit a patch of ice, skidded out of control some 150 feet, and struck a UGI pole.

The father of one of the teenagers drove the injured to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for treatment. Investigating was Ptlm. James Balavage.

## Faerber, Boice clash on hours

A former Harveys Lake Borough police officer has charged that "nepotism" caused his hours to be drastically reduced, while a member of the borough's police commission has defended the reduction on grounds of economy.

Jim Faerber, formerly a part-time policeman, resigned last week after his monthly hours were cut from 72 to 16 hrs. His resignation letter was read at borough council's February meeting.

Faerber complained last week that the hour cut was done primarily to give more hours to another police officer, William Purcell, and that the change was

questionable because Purcell is the husband of Margaret Purcell, member of council. "There's so much nepotism involved I don't want to have anything to do with it," he commented.

However, council member Michelle Boice, who read Faerber's letter at the meeting, said that the intent was to reduce reliance upon part-time and "special" officers and get rid of costly overtime pay. "The police budget was overrun so badly in 1980 other departments suffered," she said. "By putting another man on a 40-hour week this will help cut out overtime and special pay."

## Beaumont residents dedicate school gym

porterhouse steak 29c lb.; rib roast 25c lb.; hamburger 19c lb.; pie cherries 3-16 oz. cans 25c; butter 2 lb. 65c; soap, medium bars, 10 for 45c; toilet tissue 6 rolls 23c; oranges 25 for 25c; grapefruit 3 for 10c; apples 4 lb. 19c; lettuce, large head 7c.

30 years ago-Feb. 16, 1951

Five sons of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Duda of the Heights are serving in the armed forces. Victor, Leo, Frank, Jacob and Peter Duda are serving their country.

Wilkes-Barre Barons star in a basketball benefit sponsored by the Back Mountain Church League. Proceeds from the benefit will be donated to the Back Mountain Library.

Braving zero temperatures 80 people attended the first meeting of the Adult Recreation Course at Kingston Township High School. Ceramics drew the largest number of participants but sewing class, shop class and handicraft classes were also well received.

Frank Jackson, Harveys Lake, sights 19 varieties of birds at the feeder in his yard including a flock of 20 purple finches. Robins, crows,

juncos, chickadees, kinglets, woodpeckers, sparrows, brown creepers, nuthatches, cardinals and blue jays, a cherry waxing and starlings have been sighted by Jackson.

Married-Laberta Shultz and Lyle Merithew.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Scott, Davenport Street, 47 years.

Deaths-Mrs. Helen Ross, Berwick.

Now playing at local theatres-Shaver Theatre, "Colt 45"; Randolph Scott and Ruth Roman; Himmeler Theatre, "King Solomon's Mine"; Deborah Kerr and Stewart Granger.

You could get-Leg of lamb 79c lb.; skinless franks 59c lb.; rib pork roast 49c lb.; smoked picnic hams 45c lb.; roasting chickens 43c lb.; tuna 33c per 7 oz. can; crisco, 3 lb. can \$1.35; macaroni 16c lb.; 2 lb. pkg. velveeta 94c; coffee 77c lb.

20 years ago-Feb. 16, 1961

Barn roof collapses on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Prutzman, Hillside Road, causing \$5,000 worth of damage. Although 25 Holstein cattle were in the barn at the time, none were harmed. Accumulated

snow laying on the barn roof is believed to have caused the cave-in.

First place at stake tonight in Westmoreland-Swoyersville game.

Thirty five receive awards at the Blue and Gold dinner held by Pack 281 at the Dallas Methodist Church.

Willard Davis, Dallas, has been appointed sales manager of the Industrial Rubber Products Division of Eberhard Faber, Inc.

Engaged-Nancy Jane Jones to Richard H. Morgan, Jr.

Married-Betty J. Agnew and Carl Remley; Kathleen Merle Kirchner and Jack Edson Hendricks.

Deaths-Willard Gregory, Muhlenburg; Charles Wilkie, Noxen; Lucy Kline, Noxen; Anna V. Laincz, formerly of Harveys Lake.

Now playing at local theatres-Luzerne Theatre, "Flaming Star"; Elvins Presley; Forty Fort Theatre, "A Fever in the Blood"; Efreim Zimbalist, Jr. and Angie Dickinson.

10 years ago-Feb. 18, 1971

Representatives of Troup Fund, Inc., developers of Newberry Estate, request approval of their proposed 400-unit condominium on Pioneer Avenue.

Homes in the vicinity of Bowman's Creek in Noxen were surrounded by water and chunks of

ice when flooding occurred on Saturday.

Lake-Lehman High School will host Northeastern Pennsylvania Band Festival.

Deaths-Dr. Carl Kern, Loyalville; Allan Sanford, Shavertown; Mary E. Miller, Shavertown; Bertha Rittenhouse, Hunlock Creek; M.F. Frantz, Dallas, Leo Pelton, Shavertown; Mary Farber, Dallas; Johanna R. Horst, Dallas; Grace R. Whitesell, Lehman.

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