

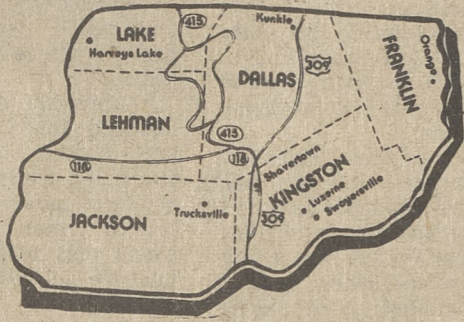
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SHAWANESE POST OFFICE—The building above served as post office at the Shawanese section of Harveys Lake, grocery store, public telephone station and the home of the late Jacob Gosart and his family. His son, the late

Willard Gosart was born there in 1909 but the Gosart family resided in the house long before that date.

Good things happen at Lake-Lehman

"Good things are happening at Lake-Lehman" was the evaluation reached by the state's special education auditors regarding the district's special education gifted program.

The special education audit noted the program complies with established standards and auditors said they had "many warm feelings about the direction the program is taking". This initial report, to be followed by a final evaluation, concludes the school "is getting a lot of mileage out of the program".

Also receiving good reports were the sports programs. The board adopted a resolution congratulating the basketball and wrestling teams on their fine accomplishments this year and complimenting the coaches and participants for a "job well done."

Two board members individually offered their congratulations regarding the teams outstanding showings. President Angelo DeCesaris, on behalf of the board, extended his congratulations to all team members and Paul Jobson and students. Gilbert Tough, director, said that although Jobson was ruled ineligible by the PIAA and experienced the stress and strain of the hearings, Jobson handled the situation with maturity and the Lake-Lehman District is proud to have him.

Tough added the young man continued to practice with the team and is a member of the team. Following the meeting, Tough said the Jobson youth is a good boy who carries a high academic record. Jobson was awarded the game ball after one spirited contest, noted the school director.

Head coaches for fall sports were named as follows: football, Thomas Hisiro; hockey, Jane Morris; and cross country, Edmund Narkiewicz. A summer all-sports conditioning and recreation program will be held with the following instructors, Rodger Bearde, basketball; Hisiro, football; Floyd Hitchcock, wrestling; and Richard Hohenwarter, weightlifting.

The news was not as cheery for the LIU 18. The board failed to approve its almost \$6,400 contribution to the annual LIU 18 budget on a vote of four no; three yes; with two absent. "No" votes on the question were registered by DeCesaris, Al Keiper, Al Sorchick and Donald Jones. Paul Crockett, Ed Mark, and Tough voted yes. Paul Williams and Arnold Garinger were absent. Tough included in the motion that the budget be passed to exclude payment for the library learning examination center as it is in operation during school hours and district teachers cannot use it.

After the budget failed to pass, Tough then made a separate motion the district withdraw from all LIU 18 services for fiscal 1981-82 if they're not going to pass the budget and then adjust the Lake-Lehman budget accordingly. He asked the solicitor to review language used in the cast of withdrawal from the service. The motion died for lack of a second.

Contacted afterwards for clarification on this motion of complete withdrawal, Tough would say only for the record that it is not his intention to withdraw from the LIU 18.

Dallas board members take 'breather'

Dallas School Board members enjoyed a quiet session Monday, March 9, in stark contrast to the controversial sessions which have been the order of the day since last April, when a basketball coach was fired and rehired the same night, and then the board entered the food service controversy in June. The "breather" from these and other issues allowed routine business to be dealt with smoothly by the board.

The only piece of unpleasant news brought before the board was the reminder of the rock-throwing incident at the Hanover-Dallas basketball game when a Dallas youth was injured. Hanover Area's board president Al Schlosser and Superintendent Dr. Ronald Giberson forwarded apologies to the Dallas officials and both commended the Dallas basketball team for its good sportsmanship and behavior.

Director Clarke Bittner, interjecting some humor into the tranquil session, came prepared with ear protectors in the form of styrofoam cups as he said

"someone wants to put a sharp object in these ears." He was referring to Mrs. Pat Gregory who made that wish known publically following a remark from Bittner regarding the Sunshine Committee. Gregory is the founder and first charter member of the committee. Director Earl Fritzes told Bittner "I don't remember it being your ear," but director Gregory said it certainly was. Bittner felt the episode was no cause for "levity."

The cafeteria report no longer lists the exact surplus government foods received by the school, only the "estimated value which in February was \$4,502. Loss since September continues for a total of \$23,632. February's deficit was \$1,947.

Cafeteria chairman Harry Lefko said he could not be present for the meeting with the Parents Food Committee due to his employment, but director Dick Hislop reported the meeting was a positive one. Still no official reports on the status of a food service survey were presented.

Lefko, asked if reports of his impending resignation were founded, replied "No comment". He said

other newspapers have also approached him regarding this matter.

No action was taken on the Luzerne Intermediate Unit budget as presented by that body. The Dallas share is about \$2,000 less than last year or \$13,354. A special meeting for study of the budget will be held March 30 at 7 p.m. in the administrative offices, Church Street. Many districts have made the news lately, including neighboring Lake-Lehman, for not approving the budget for the LIU, customarily a routine order of business.

Ashbridge said no programs have been cancelled by the special education unit and cuts are only "in the thinking stages". But he questioned that there is a possibility special education classes of some types may be brought back to the district which will have to pick them up.

In keeping with the new policy of local clergymen delivering the invocation prior to the meeting the Rev. Thomas Clemow, pastor of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, offered the prayer.

Hired through approval by Dept. of Human Resources were Ms. Dawn K. Clark, Harveys Lake and Vance Bugely, RD 1, Dallas. The former will be paid \$6,968 and Bugely \$7,400. District hired Barbara Strazdus as an instructional aide at \$3.20 hourly; Mrs. Linda Casey, teacher, received a one year maternity leave; and Tony Chiarucci resigned as building coordinator at Dallas Borough.

The district lost "one of its finest and best business managers with the official resignation of Fred Croop", already reported in this publication. Ashbridge was high in his praise of Croop as were Lefko and Brennan. Bittner joked it is "under duress" the board is accepting his resignation.

Croop will leave in June with an open invitation to "Call if you change your mind." Also resigning was Mrs. Suzanne Young, elementary teacher, with regrets. It was noted she had been on maternity leave.

Maryanne Storz was reappointed as assistant cheerleading coach and Robyn Jones, field hockey coach.

Rip roaring battle highlights primaries

by Tom Mooney
A rip-roaring battle for borough council and the mayorship at Harveys Lake should highlight this year's Back Mountain primary elections. Most other communities will see only moderate competition for supervisor positions, though a good race could be shaping up in Jackson Twp.

Harveys Lake will see a complicated battle, with six Republicans and four Democrats seeing their parties' nominations for three borough council seats, while three Democrats and two Republicans compete for mayor.

Jackson will see three members of each party competing for the nomination for a single supervisor seat.

The two Harveys Lake incumbent Republican council members, Andrew Morgus, and Becky Casterline, are running for renomination, as is their Democrat colleague, Michelle Boice. But the Republicans are being challenged by fellow party members John Brokenshire, Joseph Ruotolo, Richard Myers, and Robert DeRemer, former council president.

Three Democrats, newcomers Daniel Hanson, Daniel Blaine, and

Renee Yuscellis, are running as a team for their party's nomination, while Boice is waging an independent campaign and has also filed to run for the Democratic nomination for mayor. Also seeking that nomination are Democrats James Ward and Frank Picchi, who are allied with the trio running for council.

Incumbent Republican Mayor Alvin Zim is seeking renomination, challenged by Charles Cavill.

At Jackson Twp., incumbent Walter Zincavage will run again for the nomination as Republican standard bearer for supervisor, challenged by William Bills and Frederick Fielding. One seat is open. Seeking the Democratic nod are John Wilkes, Robert Hagenbach, and Arthur Spencer.

Elsewhere, the contests mostly involve Republicans competing for the supervisor nomination, with the Democrats showing little interest.

Kingston Twp. incumbent Republicans Ambrose Gavigan and Edward Price will look for their party's renominations, facing a challenge from fellow Republican George Tucker with two seats open. The Democrats have no candidate.

In Dallas Twp., Glenn Howell, a Republican incumbent, is being

challenged by Thomas Frantz. Again, the Democrats have no candidate.

Lehman Twp.'s incumbent Republican supervisor Paul Goodwin is looking for nomination for another term, challenged by Douglas Ide. Nobody is running for the Democrats.

A Republican, incumbent Walter Hoover in Lake Twp., will be trying to succeed himself, though fellow Republican Lewis Higgins will be after the nomination as well. Robert Sorber is the only Democrat entered.

In Franklin Twp., Republicans John McCafferty and Fred Dymond will compete for the Republican nomination as supervisor, while Leonard Zarnoch will run for the Democrats.

Little competition should be seen in Dallas Borough, at least for council, as three incumbent Republicans--Nancy Eckert, William Berti, and Willard Newberry--are seeking the Republican nod again. William Roberts is the lone Democrat in the primary race.

But with incumbent Mayor Jim Davies bowing out, Republicans Paul LaBar and Delmar Beseker will compete to be his successor.

Christine Mascali will run for the Democrat nomination.

Magistrate Earl Gregory of Shavertown is on both the Democrat and Republican ballots in his renomination bid and has no competition.

A wide-open race could develop in the Dallas School District. With four incumbents choosing not to run again, seven challengers have appeared. Five of them are cross-filed for a trio of four-year terms--Tex Wilson, Thomas Mertz, Joseph O'Donnell, Joseph Bren and William Camp, while Sheila Bonawitz has listed herself for the Republican nomination only. Former board member Col. William Dierolf has cross-filed for the single two-year term.

In the neighboring Lake-Lehman School District, Thomas Williams, who has cross-filed, is the only candidate seeking the nomination in Region II. Four men--Edward Mark (an incumbent), Joseph Salvo, Joseph Jones, and William Price--will run for the four slots open in Region III. They have also cross-filed.

Primary elections will be held May 19.

Townships will seek joint bids on material

In an effort to save money, two adjoining townships will seek bids on certain necessary road materials in order to realize a cost difference by purchasing jointly in bulk. The cooperative spirit of Kingston and Dallas Townships may set a precedent in other inflation-affected municipalities.

In cooperation with Dallas Township, the township of Kingston last Wednesday night voted to advertise for nine types of road supplies. Bids will be received at the Kingston Township Building, reviewed by Manager Kunkle in caucus with Dallas Township officials.

In other items brought before the board, supervisors passed a resolution to advertise an ordinance establishing a personnel policy for all Kingston Township employees.

The board also directed the police pension fund trustees to purchase a packaged policy consisting of life insurance, disability, and pension benefits for the policemen with Franklin Life Insurance Company.

This is subject to approval from the Department of Community Affairs.

All non-uniformed employees will have life insurance and health and accident insurance with Bankers Life Insurance Company.

The public will learn if the bulk of

the revenue sharing money is put back into the remodeled municipal building's heating system or given to the volunteer ambulance and fire companies as requested at a special meeting March 23 at 8 p.m.

Recreation report showed Emmanuel Bus Lines will provide fees to the township for field trips during the summer recreation program to be held at the Westmoreland playground. One supervisor and three instructors will be hired. The stipulation that those who held the job previously cannot be rehired by the commission is under discussion to be rescinded.

Planning and zoning commission report showed the township is looking for a suitable sign ordinance as in Sterling Township; decided raising bees in a resident district is a nuisance; held an application for a beauty parlor in abeyance; and will institute a \$25 fee for new developers. There was \$103,250 in new buildings and repairs during February.

Fred Maloney of Midway Manor told the supervisors someone is dumping mattresses at the intersection of Manor Road and Carverton Road and is afraid a health menace will result. Police Chief Paul Sabol will handle it.

Dierolf only candidate to file for 2-year term

No elections have been held, no balloting has taken place, and no levers pulled, but without spending a dime, making a speech, or any promises, the first winner of a seat on the Dallas School Board has been declared.

He is former board member Col. William Dierolf, who turned out to be the only candidate to file for the special two year term. Clarke Bittner, who now holds the slot vacated by the resignation of Atty. Basil Russin, declined to file for the two years remaining in the term or for a separate four year term. This leaves the board with four lame duck incumbents, noted a director, and possibly five if Harry Lefko decides to resign. Lefko offers only a "no comment" when queried.

Dierolf believes the problem with the board is its sometime reluctance to provide information to the public who should know what's

going on. The public also has a responsibility to attend meetings, not just those pertaining to the budget or their pet peeves, said Dierolf.

Dierolf admits an answer is sometimes unavailable on the spot, but he said he makes it his responsibility to investigate and report back to the interested party. He believes the theory on which the Sunshine Committee was founded is sound so far.

Dierolf, a dedicated man, missed only one meeting during his six-year tenure on the board and that absence was due to his hospitalization. He revealed it is very possible he will seek a four year term when this one expires in December, 1983.

Some persons are surprised that Bittner decided not to run as he appears to enjoy being a director, and says he likes his colleagues.