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CONGRATULATIONS-Lake-Lehman Board Member and master of ceremonies Arnie Garinger congratulates longtime board member, Paul Crockett, who laid the cornerstone at the formal dedication ceremonies of the new Lake-Noxen Elementary School. (Debbie Zurinski Photo)

## Fall Fair clears zoning boards

by Tom Mooney  
The beleaguered Fall Fair cleared two major hurdles recently, and apparently it will go on as scheduled this September.

Just last week the Lehman Twp. Zoning Hearing Board granted the Fall Fair Association, sponsor of the annual event, the right to "accessory use" of the part of its property that lies in the township for purposes of holding the fair this year.

Earlier, the Dallas Borough Zoning Hearing Board granted a "special exception" to the Association so that the part of the property lying within the borough can be used for the fair. The Association owns a large plot of land along Rt. 415, including some in both communities.

The Lehman board, in making its decision, set aside complaints by Richard Pearsall and Stanley Davies, owners of residential property near the fair grounds. They had cited, as individuals, problems of traffic congestion, loud music broadcast by amplifiers, heavy dust, loudspeaker noise, and a fireworks display.

The board did, however, limit the permission for the time being to four days in 1981 only. It also set a series of requirements for the Fall Fair Association to meet, including dust control, garbage removal, crowd and traffic control, noise reduction, and construction of a barrier on the edge of Pearsall's land, which abuts that of the fairgrounds. Davies' property does not abut the fairgrounds.

The Dallas board's formal decision contains no mention of limiting use of the land to this year. It does, however, set up three conditions. They include dust control, placing of a gate at the entrance to the fairgrounds, and making sure all loudspeakers point away from Pearsall's property.

Alan Landis, president of the Fall Fair Association, said he anticipated the Fall Fair would go on as scheduled this year. Pearsall,

however, said he would review the decisions and decide if an appeal would be in order.

Said Pearsall, "The only way I can be totally satisfied is if the Fall Fair is not held at all. I'll just have to review them both and decide what to do next."

Pearsall said he had no quarrel with the idea of a fundraising fair but didn't want it held next to his property in what he considered a built-up, populated area. He con-

tinued, "In my opinion that is not the place for a fair; this is a residential area."

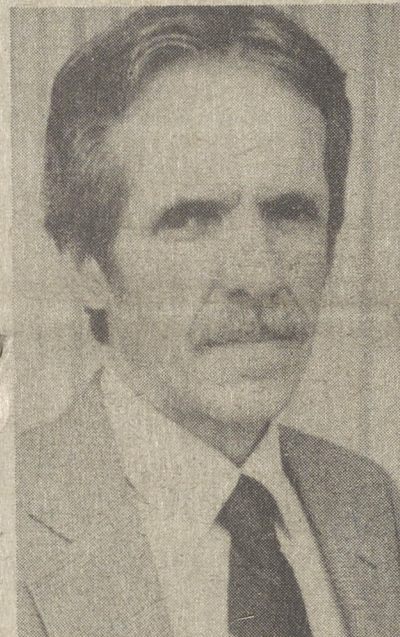
Davies, who lives across the highway from the entrance to the fairgrounds, said he did not envision any appeal. "I don't know if there's anything to pursue," he explained. "I just wish they'd keep it where it was."

He too emphasized that he had no desire to see the Fall Fair scrapped but just did not want to see it held on

its present site.

The Association formerly held its fair on the Lehman Horse Show Grounds, also located along Rte. 415. Last year was the first year for it to be held on the new property, near the Back Mountain Medical Center, which is the prime beneficiary of the fair. The Fall Fair Association is a union of Back Mountain-area service clubs for the purpose of collaborating on the annual fair.

## Allen named Post editor



John Allen

John L. Allen, RD 1, Sweet Valley, has been appointed editor of The Dallas Post, according to J. Stephen Buckley, publisher.

Allen served as manager of the Post prior to founding the Triboro Banner, a weekly newspaper in Old Forge, in 1970. From 1965 to 1969 he was a reporter and managing editor at The Abington Journal in Clarks Summit. He also served as editor and president of the "I Am You" Journal, Moosic, a monthly publication promoting responsibility.

A journalism graduate of Los Angeles City College, he served three years with the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean War. He and his wife, Annabelle, recently moved to Sweet Valley with their two children, Craig, 23, and Heidi, 21.

Charlot Denmon, who has been serving as editor, has been appointed News Editor.

## HL council member asks investigation

by Tom Mooney

Harveys Lake Borough Council member Michelle Boice has asked the Luzerne County District Attorney's office to investigate the council.

Boice said she delivered to District Attorney Chester Muroski on Friday morning a letter setting forth what she alleged were improper actions by the council and asking for an investigation.

"I'm very disturbed at the way the council's been running," said Boice. "This is a formal request for an investigation."

Boice, the only Democrat on the seven-member council, has been openly critical of several of council's policies and decisions in the year and a half following her naming as replacement for former council member Jack McManus. Her term expires this year, and she has not sought renomination.

One of the claims made in her letter to Muroski, she said, is that at a special Saturday morning meeting recently she was called out of order and refused permission to make a nomination for a replacement council member before the vote was taken and the

meeting adjourned.

Other claims in her letter, Boice said, involve what she called potential irregularities or violations of law in regard to the purchase of a borough truck, the hiring of several police officers, and the borough's taking out a loan to cover an insurance premium.

She charged that the truck may have been purchased informally beforehand, that the Civil Service Commission was ignored in nominating the officers, and that the selection of an insurance carrier and the arrangement of payment by loan were not brought before council properly.

Boice announced over a week ago that she was considering notifying the District Attorney, and she said she prepared her letter even before learning of the firing of her husband, Richard Boice, by the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority—an action she called "illegal."

Boice said she was asking the investigation for the benefit of the taxpayers, claiming that most people in the community are not fully aware of what she called improper actions by council.

## Dallas Legion holds Memorial Day services

Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, professor at Wilkes College, was main speaker at the Dallas American Legion's 46 Annual Memorial Day Parade and Services, Monday, May 25.

The program opened with a line of march, 9 a.m. from the Legion Post Home. The parade continued down Memorial Highway to the Dallas Honor Roll where Post Commander

Edward J. Lyons delivered brief opening remarks.

Rev. William Cusick, pastor, Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, gave the invocation. Dallas Area Senior High School Band, directed by David C. Benn, played God Bless America.

A Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and a boy and girl Little League played a

Memorial Wreath at the base of the Honor Roll, then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following taps, the participants regrouped and marched to the Woodlawn Cemetery where Rev. Douglas N. Akers, pastor, Dallas UM Church, gave the Memorial prayer. Following a selection by the band, Dr. Fahmy addressed the

crowd.

Commander Lyons thanked everyone for their participation after which benediction was delivered by Rev. Akers.

The program closed with the playing of the National Anthem by the Dallas High School band.

Gus S. Shuleski was parade marshal.

## HLMA fires Boice

Richard Boice, fired last week from his job with the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority, has claimed that borough Republicans put pressure on the HLMA to get rid of him.

"I don't think Mr. Alles took this completely on his own," said Boice, just hours after his firing from his job of maintenance man at the HLMA plant. "I think somebody's put the pressure on him." That "somebody" Boice defined as borough Republicans who may have become angry with him because he recently announced he would organize an "independent" party and perhaps drain off Republican election votes.

Boice is a Democrat. George Alles, chairman of HLMA, is a Republican. Positions on the HLMA board are determined by borough council, which has an 6-1 Republican majority.

Simultaneously, Boice's wife Michelle, the lone Democrat on borough council, said that she believes her verbal battles with Republican council members may have contributed to her husband's firing. "I think my politics have a lot to do with his losing his job," she contended.

Boice said he showed up for work at the HLMA building at 7 a.m. last Thursday morning, only to be told by his supervisor, William Owens, that Alles had fired him. Just the previous day Boice had made a public statement about the formation of the new "party." He said the firing was to be effective at the end of the week but he decided to take some accumulated vacation time and not finish the week.

He also said he had learned from good sources that he would be fired

by council this week from his part-time job as zoning officer and building inspector. Last month Michele Boice strongly protested a plan to have borough secretary Edward Dubil assume some of Boice's duties, calling it a prelude to firing him.

George Alles said only "No comment" when asked for a statement on the subject of the firing.

Boice said he did not believe his work had anything to do with his being fired and pledged to search for answers. "I've been a faithful worker for him. I didn't miss any work, and I always got along good with Mr. Alles. I can't believe it would be because of attention being drawn to the Municipal Authority. It'll all come out in the wash soon or later. I'll see to it that it comes out."

In the meantime, he said, he will take no action to regain his job. "I've had people call and offer me money to sue the Municipal Authority," he stated. "But I'm not going to go begging for the damn thing."

He denounced people who, in his view, do not want to see additional political parties. "A lot of these people are very small-minded if they wouldn't accept a third party," said Boice. "We're going back into a Communist type of thing if you can't be affiliated with a political party of your choice. I might as well finish organizing the party now."

Michelle Boice claimed that Republicans on council told her on at least one occasion that her husband might face loss of employment if she continued opposing their policies so vehemently.



WELCOME-Dallas American Legion commander, Edward Lyons, welcomes those who attended the Memorial Day services at the Dallas Honor Roll on Memorial Day. Standing with him at the honor roll is auxiliary president, Marion Kunigonis. (Mark Moran Photo)

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