

## 'So I said to her...'



MUTUAL FRIENDS-Natural enemies become mutual friends. Is it only because they are separated by the iron fence-not really, they play together daily and are the best of friends. (Mark Moran Photo)

## Taxpayers urge sewer payments

by Tom Mooney  
The Harveys Lake Taxpayers Assn. is urging the borough Municipal Authority to make a special effort to collect overdue sewer payments.

At a recent meeting, the Taxpayers Assn. announced it would ask the HLMA to develop a plan for collecting overdue sewer bills. Association president William 'Buddy' Hoblak said he would personally urge the HLMA to cooperate with the Taxpayers by setting up a joint committee to look at the delinquency list and 'see where it stands.'

Hoblak said he was aware that some people may well have difficulty in paying but that it would still be a good idea to check the list name by name in order to maximize payments.

In a related matter, the Association's leadership said it would continue to press the HLMA for information on its exact liability for damage to the roads following sewer installation. Association

solicitor Atty. Gifford Cappellini said he would shortly meet with HLMA solicitor Atty. Donald McFadden to go over a letter to HLMA from PennDOT which the Association believes holds the HLMA liable for the costs of road restoration.

Hoblak said he was concerned about 'anything swept under the rug or any buckpassing,' while Cappellini commented that, in his view, 'PennDOT feels there's enough fault on the Authority's part.'

Association member Clayton Sorber told the group that he has observed major road settlements in the vicinity of a pumping station because of what he called improperly laid pipe. Hoblak predicted that 'Our assessed valuation is going to suffer' if such problems are not spotted and corrected.

The Association commended borough council for passing an ordinance requiring the Pennsylvania Fish Commission to hook up its

property to the borough sewer system and for its new garbage ordinance. Cappellini said he would press council for additional ordinances regulating litter and parking.

The Association also announced that solicitor Cappellini had obtained from borough solicitor Atty. Joseph Kasper a written opinion stating

that council has equal powers with the HLMA in determining if a group can use the HLMA building meeting room.

A dispute developed several weeks ago when the Association was denied opportunity by HLMA to hold a special evening meeting. According to Cappellini, council can now give permission.

## Gauthier completes anti-rape program

Constable Wallace Gauthier, Applewood Manor, Dallas, recently received a certificate of achievement from the Luzerne County district attorney's office and Luzerne County Women Organized Against Rape (WOAR).

Mr. Gauthier completed a two-day seminar on 'Rape! A Policeman's Perspective' held at Luzerne County Com-

munity College.

One of the most important things learned from the seminar, according to Constable Gauthier, is that police should be notified immediately and that the victim of a rape should not attempt to clean themselves or their clothing, as important evidence can be destroyed.

He said that while emphasis was given on investigation of rape cases, much time was also devoted to the care of the victim.

"Using psychological insight in the handling of the victim not only can prevent trauma for her, but can also benefit the police by providing job satisfaction as well as enhancing the officers' ability to satisfactorily close the case out," says Mr. Gauthier.

## Hall wins promotion

Joseph P. Hall III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Hall of 92 Perrin Ave., Shavertown, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant.

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