

Councilwoman Boice declares shakeup of Harveys Lake needed

"I think this town is at the point where they need a shakeup," said Harveys Lake councilwoman Michelle Boice, who is fighting the ouster of her husband from three of his borough positions as a violation of his civil rights.

Furthermore, Mrs. Boice said she

will ask the Pennsylvania Attorney General and the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs to investigate violations of the "Sunshine Act," claiming council has held secret meetings and has spent money without the awareness of the full board.

She also accused council of punishing her by removing her from the chairmanship of the police committee during last week's work session.

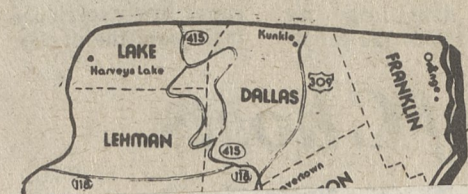
Both Boices contend he was really fired because he announced the formation of a new "independent"

party in the borough and that this angered local Republicans. "We will pursue this as far as we can," Michelle Boice said.

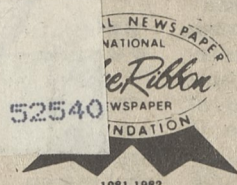
"We're going to sue both the borough council and the sewer authority board," she said. "Rick

was fired not because of poor work but because of his choice of political party. They are simply denying him the right to belong to the party of his choice. Michelle is the lone Democrat on the seven-member board and has consistently feuded with the Republican majority.

Authority said it relieved Rick Boice of his duties because he used authority time to drive his son to the school bus stop and because he was doing work as the building inspector and zoning officer on authority time. Council said it fired him as an economy move.



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14 merchants decide to stay in Dallas

Although some merchants in the Dallas Shopping Center are not happy about rents being charged by the new owners, Humford Equities, at least 14 of them are staying.

Among the original merchants planning to remain in the shopping center are the Franklin First Federal Savings and Loans, the Pennsylvania State Liquor Store, Kern Beverage Distributors, One Hour Cleaners, Gino's Shoe Store, Petland, White Horse Restaurant, Ye Olde Clocke Shoppe, Finn's Barber Shop, The Hut Card and Gift Shop, Mr. B's, Tupper's Sporting Goods, and Jean's Discount Fabric Center.

Alan Findlay, who with George Nicholson, purchased the shopping center from Louis Goeringer, said it wasn't possible to have an improved shopping center without reasonable rents. He pointed out the improvements made to the shopping area was a step in their long range plan to improve the business for every merchant in the shopping center.

Two businesses have moved from the shopping center. But W.E. Paulsen of WEPSCO, according to a spokesman for the company, planned the move to the Pittston Industrial Park long before the sale of the center.

The Yurish Music Store move, however, according to owner Richard Yurish, was because of higher rent. Yurish said that the increase was substantial and that he would operate his business from his Kingston store. He spoke well of the new owners and said that they were very nice but that he did not do enough business to justify the higher rent.

Elizabeth's Beauty Shop will move to a new location on the Harveys Lake Highway in the shop next to Bernie's Pizza. Among the original businesses in the shopping center, a spokesman for the beauty shop said the higher rent is out of range for their business.

James B. Davies, III, owner of the Book Store and Office Supplies, sold out most of his inventory and consolidated remaining office supplies, business cards, rubber stamps and copying services with the Hut Card and Gift Shop in the shopping center.

Davies said that he just doesn't do enough business to merit the higher rent. "I plan to continue with The Hut Card and Gift Shop and with the Petland business. The Hut has been in business in the shopping center for 15 years and I plan on making every effort to stay," said Davies. Robert DeRemer of One Hour

Cleaners said that he plans to stay but "If the rent goes up I will have to increase my prices to make up for it. I can't do anything else but that."

John Ginochetti of Gino's Shoe Store said that he had no plans to move as did a spokesman for Jean's Fabric Center.

Tupper's Sporting Goods Store is moving but only to another store in the shopping center—a smaller one—the former WEPSCO location. The rent is based on square footage so Tupper's reason was very simple—the smaller the place, the less rent he will have to pay.

A spokesman for Percy A. Brown's said there were no plans to move and added, "The appearance of the shopping center has been improved and it should attract more shoppers."

Apparently, some merchants are satisfied with the shopping center and the rents charged by the new owners. These are the new business people moving in such as House of Nutrition, Peking Chef, New Heritage Coins, and soon to come, United Penn and its automated teller machines "MAC".

Most of the business people were of the same opinion "Where else would they find a satisfactory location for any less than where they are now."



AN UNIDENTIFIED DALLAS MOTEL resident was aided by police and ambulance crew early Monday afternoon after he was found staggering on Dallas Memorial Highway near Richard H. Disque Funeral Home. A Mrs. Winters, operator of the motel questions the man, whom she claims the mental health department

has failed to help, as Robert Besecker provides first aid. The man had facial injuries, the result of a fall or assault. Chief Ed Lyons of Dallas Borough and Officer Jack Appel responded. Assisting Besecker is Chris Purcell of the ambulance crew. (Paul Strasser Photo)

No action in Jackson

by Tom Mooney
Despite allegations that blasting by the American Asphalt Co. has polluted water in the Fieldcrest section of Jackson Twp., the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources has not yet been brought in to check.

Simultaneously, although Jackson Twp. zoning officer Robert Culp said he filed with Magistrate Leonard Harvey a citation charging American Asphalt with illegal mining, the magistrate said he has seen no such citation.

Ron Ptashinski, staff member in DER's Bureau of Community Environmental Control in Wilkes-Barre, said this week that his office has run no water tests in Fieldcrest since a routine inspection some months ago. One homeowner did call, Ptashinski said, and was told that if several residents in the development will come forward and

make such a request—perhaps in the form of a petition—DER will move.

He added that he met with American Asphalt co. president Bernard Banks several weeks ago on the subject of the water but that actual tests would have to be run before he can make any judgment. The question of polluted water has come up at several meetings of the Jackson Twp. board of supervisors, with numerous homeowners from Fieldcrest alleging that the American Asphalt Co. is conducting blasting and mining operations close to their homes and producing polluted water.

Ptashinski said that no petition has appeared and that he has had no word from Atty. Blythe Evans, township solicitor and spokesman for the Fieldcrest homeowners, on any request for water testing. Emily Jenkins, who spoke for the

homeowners at a recent supervisors meeting, said that requests for testing would have to be made by Atty. Evans and that, in any case, the overriding question is not polluted water but the fact that the asphalt company is mining and blasting in a disputed tract of land that lies very close to Fieldcrest. The subject of whether or not American Asphalt has the right to be in that area is presently under litigation before one township zoning hearing board.

Ptashinski added that the "black water" cited several times by critics of the asphalt company's blasting could have been produced by the addition of bleach during washing to Fieldcrest water, which he called "high in manganese."

Also this week Magistrate Leonard Harvey of Dallas said he has seen no citation reported to have been filed by zoning officer Robert Culp charging American Asphalt with illegally removing topsoil and vegetation in an agricultural zone. The asphalt company contends that the area was previously zoned for mining and must remain so under the doctrine of prior use despite having been rezoned two years ago.

Culp said he filed the citation only days ago.

Thieves continue crime wave

Thieves were active in Dallas Twp. recently, breaking into homes and business places, rifling vehicles, siphoning gas, and removing property from yards.

Over the weekend, Louis Drendall, Demunds Rd., Dallas, told police someone took \$50 from his home. No signs of forced entry were found.

Numerous other incidents were reported to police last week. George Sordoni, Pioneer Ave., told police three buildings on his property were entered. Taken from a pool house were a microwave oven and a quantity of liquor, beer and soft drinks. Taken from a garage were a generator and a case of oil. Taken from a woodshed were two chainsaws.

Police said someone also forced entry to the garage of Fred Tinklepaugh, Fernbrook, and took tools valued at \$788. Taken from the jeep of Lawrence Moretti, Pole 279, Harveys Lake, parked near the Altwood Apartments on Rt. 309, were two speakers, a toolbox and a jacket, valued at \$429.

The same week, Patrick Delaney, RD 2, Harveys Lake, told police someone removed from in front of his home a power mower valued at \$170. Police said also that since July 20 they have received numerous complaints on gasoline siphonings from the Ferguson Ave. area.

Earlier, the Back Mountain Transmission Shop, Franklin St., was robbed twice. On June 12, employee Robert Weber said tools and a toolchest valued at \$1,675 were taken, while on June 13 employee Rick Taddei said he discovered the building open and a quantity of tools, including wrenches and sockets, taken.

Recently Beverly Nelson, 275 Ferguson, reported a charcoal grill valued at \$40 taken from her back yard. John Emel, Lower Demunds Road, an employee of the Mahaffey Oil Co., said a company vehicle parked at his residence was broken into, with \$473 worth of tools taken from it.

Police Chief Carl Miers said his department was in the process of determining if any of the materials found by Kingston Borough police in a raid there came from the robberies he is dealing with.

Teacher enlists in battle

Mrs. Russell Steele, a first grade teacher at Lake-Lehman, has become the first volunteer to enlist in the war on the gypsy moth.

Mrs. Steele, a resident of Meeker, has been waging the battle single-handedly with a can, some kerosene, and a strong desire to rid her property of the pests.

Tentative plans include mustering her class this fall for a foray into the woods near the school.

Individuals and organizations willing to enlist in the war against the gypsy moth may do so by contacting The Dallas Post at 675-5211 or 825-6868 (Wilkes-Barre) or by writing The Dallas Post, Box 366, Dallas, PA. 18612.

Since the female moth is capable of laying anywhere from 300 to 800 eggs, each next destroyed can mean thousands less of the pests next year.



THE NATIONAL BASEBALL STRIKE doesn't bother these young Back Mountain Minor League players. Dodgers' right fielder Chris Ruth (2) calmly waits his turn at bat in Saturday's game against the Astros. Chris was the final player to score a run in the action-packed tie-breaking game that the Astros won 7 to 6. (Connie Jones Photo)

No more booze, lake pollution

Ice fishermen using Harveys Lake next winter may have to obey the terms of a strict new law designed to reduce litter and pollution. The law, which will come before borough council for a final vote shortly, forbids huts to be left on the ice overnight and forbids alcoholic beverages to be brought out onto the ice.

The permit required for ice fishing will now cost \$2 per person and must be obtained from the borough secretary. All debris will have to be removed daily.

The two key provisions, however, are the ones involving portable huts and alcoholic beverages. Whereas before it was permissible to leave shelters on the ice overnight and remove them only by the end of February, it will now be mandatory to take the huts off the ice when fishing for the day is completed.

Likewise, the proposed law forbids "the possession, transportation, or drinking of alcoholic beverages in an open container upon the ice."

The ordinance, which has just been advertised, was first discussed by borough council last winter following complaints that huts had been left on the ice even after the

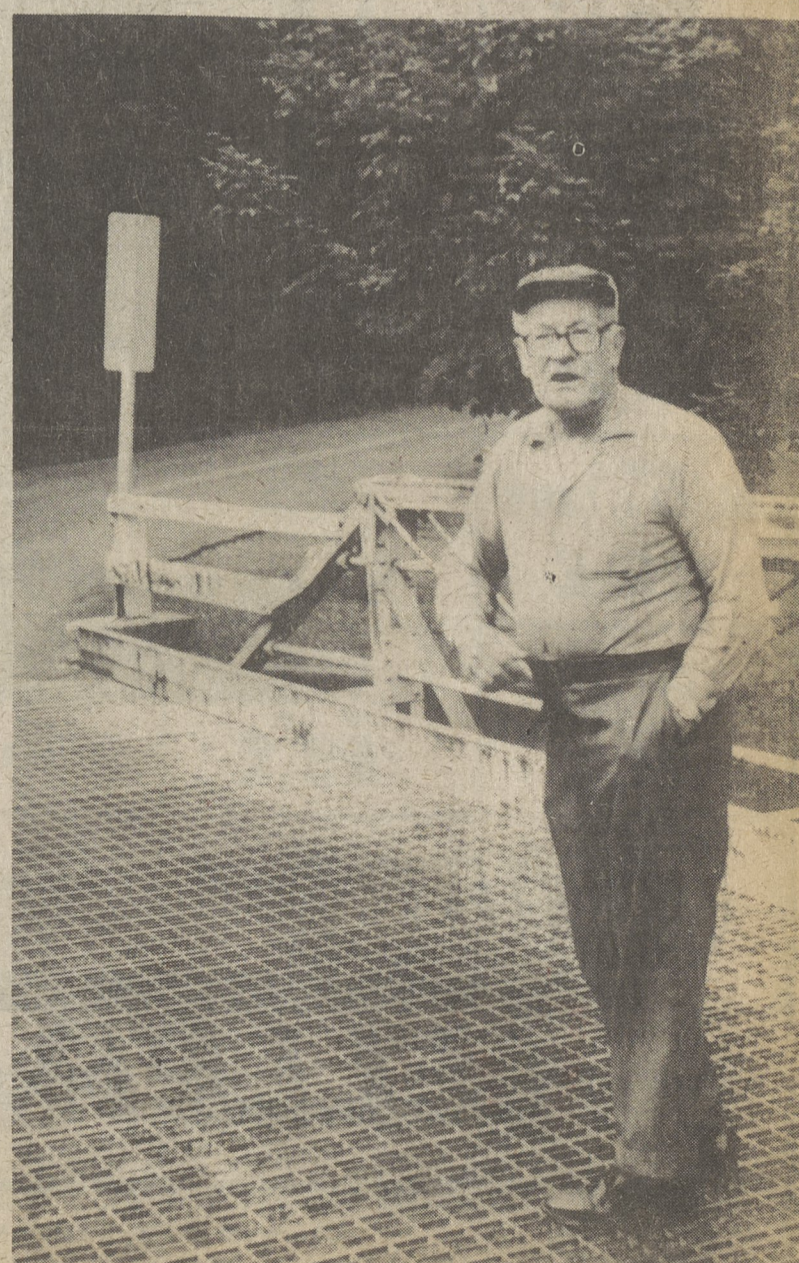
spring thaw and that beer bottles and cans were proving to be a litter problem.

Punishment for violation of the law, called the "ice fishing shelters ordinance," is listed at \$100 or 90 days in jail per offense.

Ed Straka, proprietor of "The Bait Shop" at Harveys Lake, said that he had received no feedback as yet from fishermen in the area and that there would probably be no response from ice fishermen until next season. Last winter, when the new ordinance was proposed, borough council was visited by a delegation of ice fishermen from various parts of Wyoming Valley to protest the changes in the shelter requirement.

The law also requires the shelters to be made of material strong enough to withstand the elements and to display the permits prominently. Last winter the borough attempted to remove abandoned shelters as the fishing season ended but was unable to do so because the ice broke up too fast, with the shelters sinking.

Council will vote on adoption of the ordinance at its next meeting, set for Thursday, July 7, at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Authority Building.



GEORGE LASCO of Grassy Pond Road, Sweet Valley, calls the engineering of this bridge "stupid." The bridge was built at the bottom of a steep hill with a sharp turn at the approach. Mr. Lasco has more to say about the road's overall condition on p. 4. (Paul Strasser Photo)