

Manzoni resents sludge coverage

John Manzoni, one of three partners in the Manzoni Farm operation in Chase, has a few thoughts of his own concerning the amount and type of media coverage given to the spraying of sludge on the 80-acre property. Manzoni told the Dallas Post the entire issue is politically motivated. "It would never have been brought up if I hadn't won the election last year," he said.

Manzoni was elected in November, 1981, to serve as auditor of Jackson Township. This popular vote, he claims, made certain people in the township very unhappy, and thus, the ensuing complaint to the Department of

Environmental Protection. The complaint concerned the Dallas Area Municipal Authority spraying sludge on the farm, which John owns with his brother, Francis and Alfred. The sludge is used as fertilizer and can only be laid down with a permit from DER.

Since August, when the complaint was initially publicized, DER, DAMA and a few persons from Jackson Township have been involved in a public battle over the issue of granting a permanent permit for the spraying. After the complaint was lodged, it was learned that DAMA had been dumping sludge under what they believed to be a legitimate temporary

permit. This process had been going on for 10 years before DER investigated. Upon checking into the situation, the Department noted DAMA would have to re-apply for permanent permission to dump. This process entails a series of studies and reviews. DER solid waste engineer, David Lamereaux has said, however, it appears the Authority will have its permit in a very short time.

In the meantime, Jackson Township supervisors sent a letter of objection to DER and a few residents have continued to vocalize their opposition to the idea.

Manzoni believes his name has been unfairly attached to the entire sludge story as his is the

only one of three partners ever mentioned in print. He also said it is only one or two residents who have voiced opposition, although the press makes it look as though the entire community is up in arms about the issue. Finally, he took exception to the use of the term "township fathers" in a recent Dallas Post article on the pending permit saying it gives the appearance of being an organized battle to keep DAMA from resuming its dumping sewer waste on the land.

He does not believe the issue would have been raised if he had not won the auditor's position over Joseph Cigarski, brother of supervisor, Charles Cigarski last year.



HONORED FRIENDS—A special President's Associates Cocktail Party was held at College Misericordia recently to honor the firmers of the Back Mountain institution who contribute \$100 or more annually to Misericordia. A group of more than 200 guests attended the annual event. Shown are, seated, left to right, Donna Fink, Frank Bevevino, Chairman of the 1983 Campaign, Mary Bevevino, Dr. Joseph R. Fink, College Misericordia President. Standing, Arthur Kirk, vice president, College Misericordia and Beverly Kirk, College Misericordia is presently gearing up for the College's 1983 annual fund campaign. "Critical Difference Dollars for Student Financial Aid."



PARAMEDIC BOARD—Robert Bayer, Fall Fair Association president, and Kerry Freeman, chairman of the Paramedic Committee, announced that effective Jan. 1, 1983, the Medical Intensive Care Unit would be governed by an independent board of directors. Members of the newly-formed board, above, are seated, left to

Board to govern Paramedics

The Fall Fair Association has carried out the recommendations of the committee appointed earlier this year to conduct a survey concerning the Medical Intensive Care Unit and in line with these recommendations the Unit will be governed by an independent board.

Effective January, 1983, an independent Paramedic Unit Board will take over complete control of the operation. This decision was announced last week by

Kerry Freeman, president of the Paramedic Unit, at a meeting of the new board members and representatives of the Fall Fair Association.

The results of a survey to determine the most efficient operational method of the Unit were announced at a meeting held last July by members of the committee, Kerry Freeman, Jack Dowey and Ray Hillman. At that time they recommended an independent MICU Board and also recommended that Anne Rowlands be appointed interim coordinator for a nine month period. The latter was approved and put into effect immediately.

Despite dissatisfaction expressed by some parties, the operation of the MICU under Mrs. Rowlands has proved successful. Calls have in-

creased from six or seven per month to an average of 29 during the month of November. The Unit has been staffed at least 85 percent of the time and local ambulance associations have also increased their support of the MICU.

The new board will have complete control of the MICU operation including the appointment of a new coordinator if they believe this feasible. Members of the board will also solicit, appoint or elect new board members as terms of those now on the board expire.

Freeman, president of the Paramedic Unit, and Robert Bayer, president of the Fall Fair Association, said that these organizations were never intended to control the Unit.

Following the first study conducted in the area, operation of the Unit

was under the direction of the Back Mountain Ambulance Association. When the Ambulance Association withdrew from supporting the Unit, the paramedics took over themselves.

This was not successful because of dissension and other problems so the Fall Fair Board appointed the three aforementioned persons to conduct the survey that resulted in the formation of an independent MICU Board.

The new board of directors is comprised of Back Mountain residents and volunteers. The goal of this board is to give better emergency medical service than ever before.

Members of the board and their terms of service are John Lyons, president, one year; Atty. Roberta Rousseau, vice president, two years; Robert Lawrence, secretary, one year; George McCutcheon, treasurer, one year; Rev. Lynn Rothrock, ambulance committee chairman, three years; Ms. Jessica Morgan, public relations committee, three years. In addition to the board of directors, Dr. Johnyne Supulski of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital will be acting as medical advisor to the MICU.

All ambulance units are requested to inform Rev. Rothrock of their representative to the ambulance committee. All correspondence should be sent to the MICU Board of Directors, Box 700, RD 4, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

Labor difference resolved

The Lake-Lehman Education Association and the school district have solved their differences through the mediation efforts of Pennsylvania Labor Relations Department, appointee Charles Sobel. The results of a pre-

hearing conference, held Nov. 23, were reported by school district solicitor Peter Savage at last week's meeting of the school board. Savage said all charges by the Education Association concerning unfair labor practices have been dropped. At the

same time, the district has also dropped its charges against the Association.

An agreement was worked out between the two parties which specifies action to be taken in hiring and salary scales of extra-curricular activities. The school district has agreed to bargain over wages, hours and conditions of employment of extra-curricular activities, including summer programs. This bargaining shall occur no less than 60 days prior to the institution of the program. Both parties will notify the other in

Christmas tree thefts

A particular crime, peculiar to the Christmas season, is in evidence again this year. Robert Spears, 245 Carverton Road, Trucksville, has reported the theft of an eight foot blue spruce Christmas tree from his property. The incident occurred sometime between Dec. 14 and 15.

Spears reported the tree was cut down and taken away.

On a larger scale, Nesbitt's Tree Farm, on Lake Catalpa Road, had earlier reported the theft of over 100 trees from his property. The theft was reported to Dallas Township police in November.

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Drug charges

An RD 3 Dallas woman and a Tunkhanock man have been charged by Tunkhanock Township Police with possession of marijuana. Eric C. Struck, 21, Harrison Street, Tunkhanock and Donna M. Donnora, 18, RD 3, Dallas were arrested, Dec. 14, following a police traffic stop.