

## Garinger is not a school board candidate

The opening date for throwing hats into the political ring is just a week past, and interest is already running high in the six Lake-Lehman school board seats up for grabs. Several of the incumbents have been cautious about committing themselves to running but others are more definite in their intentions.

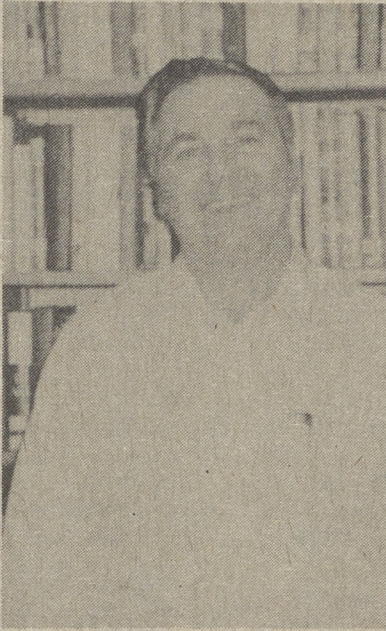
In Region One, encompassing Lake Township, Harveys Lake and Noxen, three seats are open for the upcoming primary. Arnie Garinger, who has served 13 years on the Lake-Lehman board has decided not to seek re-election. Garinger said he came on the board because he saw a number of areas which sorely needed improvement in the district. Over the years the areas which consumed his primary interest have been upgraded and improved to the extent that he believes things are now on the right track.

In terms of education, he said the district is now providing an enviable program and each student now attends either a new or remodeled school. Having achieved what he termed his goals in those areas, Garinger is bowing out of the limelight.

Allen C. Keiper, completing his

first term, has not committed himself to running again. Allen R. Sorchik will seek a second term.

Some new names filing petitions for the Region One seats include Marty Noon and Margaret Louise



Kenneth Williams

Bryant, Ken Booth and Ellis Hoover have decided not to throw their hats into the race, although they have received popular encouragement to do so. Booth is active in the Lake

Township and Lake-Lehman Taxpayers Association. Hoover is a former member of the board.

In Region Two, Gilbert Tough and Kenneth Williams must decide whether to seek another term.



Allen Sorchik

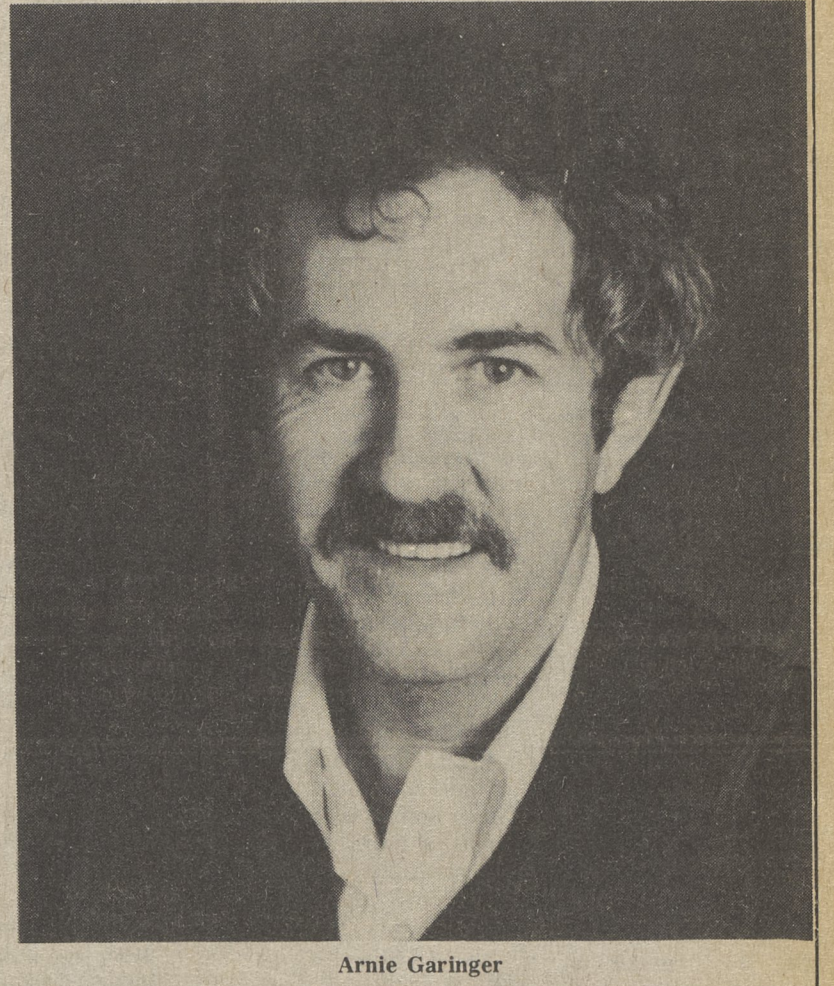
Williams current president of the board, says he has not yet made the decision. Tough, who has served on the board for 12 years, said he will seek a third term.

Newcomers to the Region Two race include Ray Hillman and Vince Marchakitus. Both are definitely in the race for a Region Two seat. The region includes Lehman and Lake Silkworth.

Region Three has only one seat up for grabs. Incumbent Donald Jones is not saying whether he will be in contention. Jones has a tough political decision to make as he also aspires to the District Justice post presently held by Leonard Harvey of Dallas. Jones said he may think of running for both offices but is giving himself until March 8, the last possible moment, to make the decision. If he does not go after the District Justice post, he will be on the school board ballot for sure.

John Reed of Region Three whose name was reported, is not going to run. Reed, Oak Hill resident, has instead decided to support the candidacy of Dr. William Price from Jackson Township.

Candidates have until March 8 to file their petitions and the picture may change substantially by that time. Those incumbents who are holding back on making their decisions public will commit themselves one way or the other by that time. More new names may become evident as the three make their intentions known.



Arnie Garinger

### Harveys Lake

## Area Crime Watch training program scheduled for March

Harveys Lake Police will be joined by approximately 15 other local law enforcers in a crime watch training program to be held at the Borough Municipal Building, March 7 to 10. The possibility exists for the training to be well attended, even beyond area police as regional coordinators have sent letters of invitation to departments in four counties.

The training program is another step in Mayor Frank Picchi's attempt to start a Crime Watch at Harveys Lake. The Mayor started things rolling by inviting Rodney Kelly and Chuck Carrol, regional

coordinators for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to explain crime watch to borough residents in January.

Kelly spoke to the residents about the possibility of setting up neighborhood watch programs around the lake. The idea caught on and Picchi and the police report a number of phone calls expressing interest in and enthusiasm for the attempt.

Crime Watch requires training of local police and Kelly will conduct the March session at the lake. It appears interest is also high in other areas of the Back Mountain as

evidenced by the Dallas Rotary Anns inviting Wilkes-Barre Crime Watch expert Gerald Cookus to speak at their next meeting.

When Kelly spoke at Harveys Lake, he explained neighborhood watch is effective because it brings people together in pursuit of a common goal. The idea is to cut down on crime in a particular vicinity and to develop a reputation for being a difficult place to commit crime.

Neighborhood watch programs have had varying degrees of success throughout the Common-

wealth, with some areas showing crime reduction of 40 to 50 percent. In such areas, Kelly said, the people adopted the Commission's crime prevention techniques. These are learned during neighborhood meetings. Such meetings are informational sessions, with resource people and local trained police providing help with crime prevention tips and ideas.

"If you can keep someone out of your home or business for as little as three minutes," Kelly said, "The chance of that person becoming frustrated enough to give up the idea of committing a crime is very

good. In communities such as Harveys Lake much of the crime is committed by youngsters who live in the area. They will tend to have low frustration level if their plans are thwarted."

"We're talking about watch-type programs," he said. "The citizens become eyes and ears of the police." At the same time, he warned citizens will not be expected to act as law enforcement officers during instances of attempted crime. If they are knowledgeable in reporting suspicious activity, the police can perform their function

more effectively.

With such overwhelming police interest, neighborhood watch programs stand a good chance of working successfully. He noted, a successful program does not require the participation of every citizen in a given area. He said some people hesitate to take part because of fear of retaliation. He pointed out there is little or no evidence of retaliation being a factor in localized crime statistics. He also said he has seen the fear disappear when the entire community is working together.

## Dallas school buildings too expensive

Back Mountain Elementary Wrestling Club, comprised for the most part of elementary students from the Dallas School District, has had to move their tournaments and Sunday meets to West Side Vo-Tech School in Pringle. The reason for doing so is that the non-profit organization can no longer afford to pay the custodial fees.

Dallas School Director Joseph O'Donnell raised the question at the Feb. 14 meeting of the Dallas School District Board meeting. He questioned why the district could not provide facilities for the same fee as the West Side School.

According to O'Donnell's information, West Side Tech provides its facilities for one fourth of the

amount charged by the Dallas custodians.

The majority of the directors appeared to be unaware of the situation and asked Dr. Richard Shipe, superintendent of schools, for an explanation.

Shipe said he was not certain about the reason for withdrawal but thought it might be due to a contractual agreement with the custodians. John Gabriel, supervisor of maintenance and grounds, stated that according to their contract the custodians received overtime wages for weekends and were paid \$7.90 per hour for every hour they were on duty.

Shipe also brought up the subject of insurance but John Cooper, president of the Back Mountain

Elementary Wrestling Club, reports that the club takes out special insurance costing them approximately \$80 per event (one day) to cover any liability.

Cooper also said that any damage that has ever been done by members or others present at the club's events have been paid by the club. "In fact, most of the damages ever incurred were minimal and we didn't bother with insurance paying for it. We paid it from any funds we had," said Cooper.

Cooper also said that the Back Mountain Club helped to buy the wrestling mats used at the Dallas Junior High School.

Director Tex Wilson, chairman of the property committee, told

Cooper that the members of this committee would discuss the situation with Cooper and other club officers and look into the matter. He stated he would see what could be done to alleviate the situation. Other directors were in accord with Wilson and several have stated that they plan to pursue the matter.

Several of them referred to their neighboring district, Lake-Lehman who make all of their buildings available for use by the children and adults of the district.

"If they can do this, why can't we do the same? Our taxpayers are paying for the Dallas facilities, they should be able to use them," stated one of the directors, who asked to remain anonymous.

## Magee Publick House opens at Newberry's

The suspense about the Magee Company coming to Dallas climaxed last week with the opening of the former Newberry Lodge.

The Magee Publick House opened for business last week and reports are that the quality and style of the Dallas restaurant is living up to all expectations. Magee Publick House is owned and operated by Hotel Magee Inc., wholly-owned subsidiary of Magee Industries Enterprises. Richard A. Benefield

manages the parent company which runs the Magee Hotel. The hotel was established in 1855 and has been in continuous operation since that time.

The Publick House is striving to maintain similar quality to that which has made the Bloomsburg Hotel foremost among dining greats in the area. Open for lunch, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and dinner, 4:30 to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, Magee Publick House features a

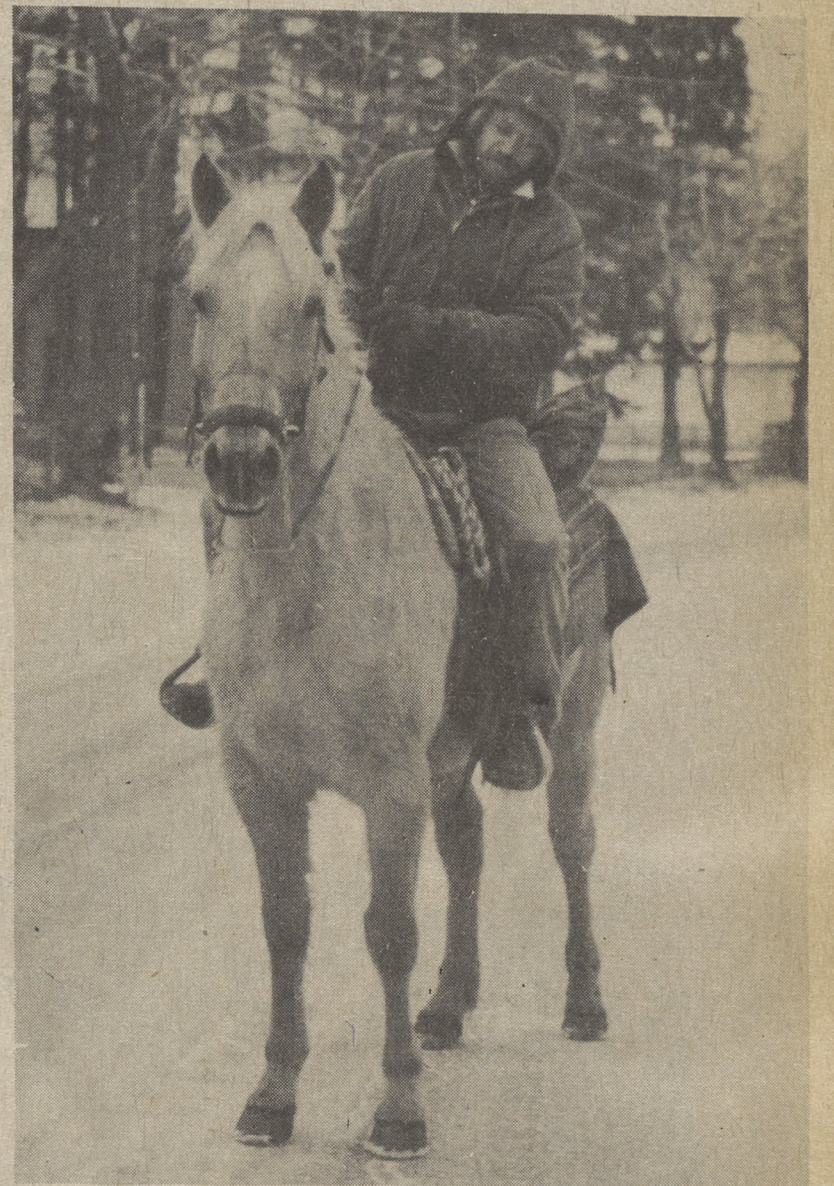
delicious variety of specialty items and entrees. On Sunday, brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 2:15 to 8 p.m. A dessert buffet accompanies every dinner meal.

Little has been done to change the basic appearance of the restaurant but the kitchen has undergone extensive renovation to meet the needs of the new management.

"We've adapted it for preparations of the kinds of food we want to serve," explained Grant

Kyler, general manager of the Hotel Magee. Kyler is in Dallas to help get things going at the new restaurant. He noted the present menu is somewhat limited, but expansion is planned with the growth of the restaurant.

Magee Publick House will be managed by Chuck Reynolds with Bruce Thomas serving as executive food manager. James Purdum is in charge of all food services for the company.



A REAL FRONTIER'S MAN: Although this fellow preferred to remain unnamed, he was happy to pose for Post photographer. The gent was enjoying a ride near Route 29. He was carrying a jug of cider and sleeping bag, everything he needs to go back in time a few years. The horse didn't bother becoming a star either. (Mark Moran Photo)

## Snowfall Contest deadline extended

The unusually mild winter to date has prompted The Dallas Post and Parker Fuel Oil Company to extend the final date for entries in the Snowfall Contest to Feb. 25.

Local residents are reminded that no purchase is necessary to enter the "Snowfall Contest". The only

requirement is that an entry be submitted on an entry form. Copies of these forms may be obtained at the office of The Dallas Post, 61 Gerald Ave., Dallas, (in the Jean Shop Building) or at Parker Fuel Co. Office, Fernbrook Corners, Fernbrook.

This Friday is the last day to enter. Don't delay, submit your guess now on the amount of snowfall between Jan. 1 and March 23, 1983, as measured officially at the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Airport, Avoca.

There is an entry form in this

issue of The Dallas Post. Send in yours today.

If you come closest to the exact amount you will receive \$100 of fuel oil. Second prize is a Honeywell Fuel Saver Thermostat, third prize is dinner for two at Picketts Charge Restaurant, Dallas.

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