

Back Mountain News Briefs

A request by 84 residents of the Meadows, aged 70 and over, met with rejection last week by members of the Dallas Twp. board of supervisors. The residents asked for an exemption from the township's \$5 per year per capita tax.

Supervisors refused to go along with the request, saying they cannot change the law. Legislation affecting the per capita levy states exemptions may not be made unless residents take a pauper's oath.

Harveys Lake Police Chief Lionel Bulford has been cited by the Lehman Twp. Zoning Hearing Board for having two roosters, three ducks and a sheep in a residential area.

James Vowell, zoning officer, said Bulford who resides on Briarcrest Road, had been warned about having farm animals on his property. Complaints of alleged excessive noise and stench came to the board from neighbors. The matter was referred to District Justice Leonard Harvey.

Harveys Lake Borough Council has given Phillip Krasner until April 19 to give up a portion of public land presently made to look as if it belongs to him. Borough solicitor Joseph Kasper said Krasner planted grass that contoured the borough property to look like his own. If Krasner does not comply, council was advised to remove the improvements and file suit against him for the cost.

Jackson Twp. supervisors met in a special meeting last week to approve phase one development of seven two-acre lots of the Woodridge Development located off Sutton Road.

This development is slated for eventual expansion to 24 lots. However, approval of the supervisors and township engineer must be obtained before the sale of any property can take place.

Developers Joseph Moore and Michael Corgan must meet 10 stipulations dealing primarily with drainage, before any sales can be made.

Jackson Twp. police officer Bert Balliet was fined \$150 last week by District Justice Leonard Harvey on a charge of harassment in connection with a Jan. 3 scuffle outside that community's fire hall. Robert Hagenbach, the other party involved, was found not guilty of the same charge.

Following Harvey's decision, rendered on Thursday, March 17, Jackson Twp. solicitor Blythe Evans said the ruling would be appealed to Commonwealth Court.

Hagenbach said Balliet slapped him several times in the face. The altercation allegedly occurred because Hagenbach had criticized the police department at a municipal meeting. Several township residents who witnessed the argument and scuffle were called to testify.

Lehman Twp. supervisors have applied to Harrisburg and the Federal Communications Commission for approval for a township FM radio frequency to benefit police and road departments, three fire departments and ambulance units.

Supervisors are looking for a federal grant to cover costs involved in purchasing the several agencies with necessary equipment.

Back Mountain TV and Appliances, Route 415, Dallas was burglarized last week. Jan Verbinski, owner of the store, reported the theft of components from a satellite receiving station, which was mounted on a trailer truck. Value was estimated at \$877. The unit is the type used by residents to pick up television stations on their home sets.

Inmates at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas will soon be able to receive cable television there. Tom Figmik, administrative assistant at SCID, said the system is being installed by a local contractor. Each inmate opting to receive the hook-up will pay \$20 installment fee, plus \$8.75 per month. A reception dish placed on the prison grounds is capable of receiving nine different stations.

Deaths

Hyman Norwitz

Hyman Norwitz, 63, of RD 5, NBox 195, Shavertown, died Monday, March 14 in General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Surviving are his wife, the former Doris Anesh; sons, Howard, Philadelphia; Alan Schwartz, Clifton, N.J.; daughter, Mrs. Arlene Goodman, California; brother, David, and sister, Mrs. Sylvia Poland, both of Philadelphia.

Funeral was held Wednesday, March 16 from the Rosenberg-Sacks Funeral Home, 4740 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

James Thomas

James C. Thomas, 73, of Newberry Estates, Dallas and Pompano Beach, Fla., died Sunday March 13 in the Leader East Nursing Home, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miriam George; sons, James and John, Dallas; daughters, Mrs. Joseph Carole Carlon, Edison, N.J.; Mrs. James Tally Shields, Dallas; 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Mamary-Durkin Funeral Home Inc., Wilkes-Barre, with Divine Liturgy in St. George's Maronite Church, with Chor-Bishop Joseph C. Feghali and Rev. Hres D. Zogheib officiating.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Annabelle Crispell Eshleman

Memorial services were held on Friday, March 11 for Annabelle Crispell Eshleman, who passed away following a brief illness on March 7. Mrs. Eshleman, 57, of 10607 Walker Road, Thonotosassa, Fla. was originally from Harveys Lake. She was the daughter of Frederick and Daisy Crispell and a 1944 graduate of Lake Twp. High School.

Surviving are her husband, Harold; sons, Dennis and Guy, daughter, Lori, all at home; brother, Clarence Oberst, Harveys Lake; sisters, Ella Cobleigh, Florida and Beinghamton, N.Y.; Lela Sickler, Luzerne; Bertha Oney, Harveys Lake; Iva Hoover, Binghamton, N.Y.

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Wolfe Vies for School Board

Bing Wolfe has announced his candidacy for the position of Lake-Lehman school director in Region I, Lake Twp., Lake Borough and Noxen Twp.

Wolfe is a life-long

resident of the school district and a 1970 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. He holds an Associate Degree in Electronics from Penn State, a Commercial FCC license and a General

Class Amateur radio license.

He is married to the former Ruth LaBar, daughter of Caddie LaBar. The couple has two children, Valerie 5

and Benjamin 2.

Wolfe is a 10-year employee of Commonwealth Telephone Company, where he serves as a technician in the Electronic Maintenance Center Lab.

Edwards Seeks Council Seat

Ronald L. Edwards, Harveys Lake, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to Harveys Lake Borough Council.

A graduate of Plymouth High School class of 1966, Edwards attended Wilkes College and also studied

electronics at West Side Tech Vocational School. He is presently employed at PG&W in consumer affairs.

Edwards is married to the former Carol A. Swinski, also from Plymouth, and is the son of Dorothy Edwards.

Edwards' son, Ronnie, Jr., attends Jackson Elementary School in Lehman. He works part-time for his father-in-law Ambrose Swinski, who owns Guy's Pub in Plymouth. Swinski is also a politician who was

justice of the peace for 15

years and is the former Democratic Chairman for Plymouth Borough.

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