

Retires Thursday

District Magistrate Harvey steps down from position

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Dallas resident and District Justice Leonard Harvey will officially retire from his local judicial post tomorrow, October 3, just two days before his 70th birthday which the state has set as a mandatory retirement age.

Judge Harvey has served the District 11-3-08 magistrate position since 1970 when he was appointed following the death of then Justice Harold Major.

Prior to assuming the District Justice position, which includes the communities of Dallas Borough, Harveys Lake Borough, Jackson Township, Lake Township, Lehman Township and Plymouth Township, Harvey was a local Justice of the Peace from 1948 to 1970.

On Saturday of the past week, friends, relatives and colleagues of the 69-year-old Justice held a special retirement party at the Dallas American Legion in honor of Harvey's 15 years of service.

Over the years, there were rewarding as well as difficult times for Justice Harvey.

"I guess the most difficult and disappointing part of this job has been seeing all those young kids getting involved with drugs," said Justice Harvey.

"Even at my age it is a pretty hard thing to accept," he added. "These young kids seem to get involved often times very innocently and they (drugs) can ruin a person's life."

Justice Harvey explained the particulars of a case just this past Sunday involving a 19-year-old Back Mountain girl who was spending time in the Women's Detention Center of the Luzerne County Prison for reportedly smuggling drugs into an inmate at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas (SCID).

"I just cleared up the paperwork and had a long talk with the girl's father," Harvey said Sunday morning. "The young girl was crying and was very upset and I'm sure she will never try something like that again."

Harvey expressed concern for the young woman, who Harvey said really did not belong in prison. Said Harvey, "She got involved in something that was over her head and she now understands her mistake."

Harvey said over the years he has seen a significant increase of today's youth getting involved with drugs, a trend he says he hopes will slow down for the good the younger generation.

On the brighter side, Harvey said he most enjoyed

his duties presiding over hundreds of wedding ceremonies.

"I would have to say that I really enjoyed marrying people," said Harvey. "Over the years, I must have married hundreds of people."

Harvey said he was marrying people since the mid 40's when he was a Justice of the Peace.

"When I was a JP, I would marry people just about anywhere," said Harvey. "Some ceremonies were in my office, some in homes and of course in the various churches," said Harvey. "They (marriages) were a lot of fun and were very satisfying."

Although Harvey will officially be retiring on Thursday, he will be "on call" as part of Pennsylvania's Senior Magistrate program.

According to Harvey, as a retired justice he will be filling in for area magistrates who take vacation time or who are unable to preside due to illnesses.

"I was told by an official during Saturday's retirement party that I will have all the extra time I can handle," said Gregory. "They told me my work would be mostly within this general area."

Harvey said he and his wife Marion, the former Marion Weitz, will be spending a great deal of time vacationing at their cottage in Quebec, Canada and their trailer near the Salmon River in New York. The Harveys reportedly enjoy fishing for Walleye and are planning to catch "the big one."

Harvey is member of the Dallas United Methodist Church, George M. Dallas Lodge, Caldwell Consistory, Irem Temple Wilkes-Barre Shrine Club, Director of the American Legion Post 672, past president of the Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club and is Treasurer of the Luzerne County Magistrates Association.

Harvey was also recently re-instated as an active member of the Dallas Kiwanis Club which meets every Wednesday night at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas.

Justice Harvey's magistrate district will be combined with Magistrate Earl Gregory's office effective Thursday, October 3.

Due to redistricting according to population shifts, Harvey's current district is being phased out by the Pennsylvania court system.

Anyone with business after Wednesday, October 2 from Dallas Borough, Harveys Lake Borough, Jackson Township, Lake Township or Lehman Township, will be required to file charges and pay fines at Justice Gregory's office on Route 309, Shavertown next to McDonald's Restaurant.



Anniversary noted

The Mercy Consultation Center will celebrate its 10th anniversary on October 12 with a luncheon at Gus Genetti's Best Western Hotel. Pictured above is the professional staff of the Center. From left, Sr. Cor Mariae Mulhern, M.S., Therapist; Father James Jacobs, M.S., Therapist; Sr. Maureen McCann, Administrative Director, Therapist.

Consultation Center notes 10 years

The Mercy Consultation Center will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a luncheon at Gus Genetti's Best Western Hotel on Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon to 3 p.m. Arnold H. Zucker, M.D., a practicing psychiatrist and psychologist, will be the principal speaker.

Located in Mercy Center, Dallas, the Mercy Consultation Center is a

private psychological counseling center sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, Scranton Province. It specializes in providing clinical services for priests, ministers, members of religious communities and others involved in ministry. The Center has been the recipient of the American Psychiatric Association's Significant Achievement Award for its

work with clergy and religious as for its comprehensive network systems.

Dr. Zucker is a diplomate (psychiatry) of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He received his certification in psychoanalysis from Columbia University Psychoanalytic Center. He is dedicated to integrating the fields of psychiatry and religion and serves as Associate Professor at Iona College's (New Rochelle, N.Y.) Graduate Division of Pastoral Counseling. His presentation at the Anniversary Luncheon, "Health, Wholeness and Holiness," exemplifies his holistic view of the psychological and spiritual dimensions of the human personality.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by contacting the Mercy Consultation Center, Mercy Center, Dallas, PA. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the Center.

Sheehan resigns from Chamber

Louis F. Goeringer, chairman of the board of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, announced the resignation of the organization's president, John F. Sheehan, Jr. of Dallas.

Goeringer cited Sheehan's many years of dedicated service to the Chamber first as executive secretary and later as executive director and president.

"Under John's leadership, the Chamber undertook numerous innovative projects," Goeringer said. "He was instrumental in identifying the need to develop an effective community-wide leadership training program and was a motivating force behind Leadership Wilkes-Barre."

"During his tenure, we became fully accredited by the United States Chamber of Commerce and completely computerized our office



JOHN F. SHEEHAN, JR.

operation and records keeping systems," Goeringer continued.

"He was also closely involved in the organization of the Committee for Economic Growth recognizing the need for a coordinated effort in the area of industrial development."

"Sheehan has served the business community well, both as a representative and as a spokesman," Goeringer concluded, "and we certainly wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Sheehan is president of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce Executives, serves on the board of the American Economic Development Council, and recently completed the six-year training program at the Institute for Organization Management sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

He will continue as president of the Chamber through December 31, 1985.

Loans available in Kingston Township

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with the Luzerne County Office of Community Development are pleased to announce the availability of low interest loans under the County's Home Rehabilitation Loan Assistance Program.

The Luzerne County Home Rehabilitation Loan Assistance Program has low interest loans for a maximum of \$10,000 for a 10 year term to rectify code deficiencies, provide winterization activities, along with general property improvements. The loan amount and term of the loan will be determined by utilizing loan amount and term of the loan will be determined by utilizing normal banking practices. The interest rate for the assisted loan is three percent, five percent, seven percent and nine percent, depending upon the applicant's earnings. Eligible homeowners must have a total

household income conforming with established guidelines as set by the Luzerne County Office of Community Development.

The low interest loans are provided through First Eastern Bank

and the United Penn Bank.

For further information residents may contact the Kingston Township Administrative Office at 696-3809 or the Luzerne County Office of Community Development at 824-7214.

Veterans eligible for loans

Certain veterans and dependents are eligible for GI loans for homes, condominiums, and manufactured homes. The VA Home Loan Program can help veterans finance the purchase of homes with favorable loan terms, a modern interest rate, a long repayment period and, generally, no down payment.

The Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center can answer questions about the VA

Loans process, and supply booklets and applications. Representative Tom Bufano will be at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, 11 Carverton Road on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. to provide individual assistance on this or any other veteran matter. Veterans must provide a copy of their separation document or disability to verify their veteran status.

For information, phone 825-7343.

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