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Council, public wrestle over garbage issue

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The Harveys Lake Borough Council members had their hands full fielding questions about refuse and repair at their regular monthly meeting held last Tuesday.

Julie Savage, a Harveys Lake resident, questioned the council about the policy of garbage removal. Savage observed a worker opening garbage bags in front of her home and examining the contents.

Savage was then approached about problems with her refuse not being within the borough policy regulations. Savage explained to council that the worker told her he was tired of going door to door in the borough explaining the changes that restricted residents from disposing of the wrong kinds of garbage and amounts.

Council members told Savage that the Barry Disposal Company was the new contractor and the employee was simply going strictly by borough policy which states three-30 gallon bags of three cans containing up to 50 lbs. of rubbish are allowed per family. Council reassured residents they hoped to iron things out soon.

Questions on the type of paving material to be used on Lakeview Terrace were also brought before council.

Jack Davis, a resident of the Lakeview Terrace, raised his and

neighbors' concern about a rumor that the borough planned to use chip and oil surfacing for the road. According to Davis, the same procedure left the road in a worse condition than when it wasn't paved at all.

Council reassured residents that plans for the road consisted of using a bituminous base, leaving three or more inches of pavement. Council also resolved to look at problems with drainage in the area, also.

Council President Richard Boice announced results of a dye test done near Warden Place by DER. It was reported that there was a high fecal count in the water, but the spring and water run-off causes most areas in the county to show a high pollutant content. Boice told residents there is a problem in the area and probing will continue.

Council also announced a job opening in the borough for a Cable TV complaint officer. The job will entail pursuing residents problems with services if they receive no satisfaction from the company. Anyone interested is asked to call the borough building for further information.

Council read correspondence received from the Homecoming Committee of the Irish Heritage Games requesting the borough's cooperation for their annual Lake Run to be held June 21 at 10 a.m. The Greater Wilkes-Barre YMCA also wrote asking permission to hold its third annual biathlon on July 26.

Lehman supervisors discuss pensions

By KATHY SUDA
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Lehman Township Board of Supervisors wrestled with changes in laws concerning the police pension fund at its regular monthly meeting held last Monday.

President Alvin Cragle announced that the township's police pension fund was audited at approximately \$185,000.

Problems concerning new state laws allow the state to retract money from solvent funds to be used in other municipalities. The board also told residents that the state cut funds from \$15,000 to \$3,000 and recommended that the township purchase annuities to salvage monies for the fund.

Solicitor Charles Bartlett was asked to look into the legality of such action. The fund cuts will directly affect Bill Purcell who will retire from the police force in four

years.

The board also reported attempts to procure insurance for the Oak Hill Sewer Project has been fruitless. Township Solicitor Charles Bartlett questioned supervisors if a rider added to the township's existing policy was possible. According to Bartlett, the authority has no previous record and this has been a rejection factor in the companies which have been approached.

The Agricultural Security Act Proposal has been posted in the township and advertised in local papers. No further action can be taken until the required 30 day waiting period has elapsed.

A proposal to place liens against the property of 63 Lake Silkworth and Oak Hill area residents for failure to pay electric bills was passed.

The results of PennDOT's traffic flow study has been submitted to the Lake-Lehman School Board.



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Volunteers honored

Volunteers of the Back Mountain Memorial Library were honored at a tea held Thursday at the library. Shown here are those honored. From left, first row, Mary Thom, Al Timko, Beverly Marchetti, William Frederick, librarian; and Irene

Transue. Second row, Jean Warneka, Selma Zneimer, Erma Schnell, Sharon Mayernick, Joanne Runner, board member; Nancy Eckert, board member; Janet Scott, Eleanor Staub, Dorothy Cawley, Liz Lloyd, board member.

Thanks! Library honors its volunteers

By JOHN HOINSKI
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Volunteer members of the Back Mountain Memorial Library were honored last Thursday at a tea and cookie type ceremony for invaluable services and time they have donated to the facility over the past year.

The event, which was held at the library, recognized 14 members of the Association who had put in 50 hours or more of volunteer service over the last year, totalling 1,885 hours in all. The individuals were presented with certificates of achievement and name badges.

"We couldn't function without their help," Bill Frederick, Library Director, stated. "Because of them, we are able to provide many more services. Now that we're in the new building, there are many more things we can do."

The library staff consists of four full-time workers and three part-timers, but the volunteers, which include another dozen besides those

honored at the gathering, figure just as prominently, although in a slightly different capacity.

"There is a big difference that is important to note between the volunteers and the staff workers," Beverly Marchetti, volunteer Volunteer Coordinator, said. "We can't do the work that staff members perform, but we are able to do other jobs that release staff members to do other things."

Some of the services volunteers do provide include reshelving books, preparing books for circulation, mending books, preparing books for auctions and book stores and taking care of coupon collections, among other duties.

One project Marchetti says volunteers will be working on for the next six months will be to open the library book store on a regular basis. Books ranging from fiction to non-fiction to magazine and paperbacks, which have been received mostly via donations will be sold at a minimal cost.

Marchetti, who agreed to act as coordinator when a resolution was passed by the Library

Board last May for a volunteer assistance program, will be relinquishing her position after two years at that post. Taking her place, however, will be Sharon Mayernick who has been in training for the past three weeks. Although Mayernick has never had experience in her new duties, she is looking forward to the task.

"I just wanted to do something for the community," Mayernick said. "I live in Dallas and I wanted to do something for the community."

The library will be bringing on another 12 volunteers, mostly students for the summer months, who will also provide important services.

Those volunteers who were honored at the library include Beverly Marchetti, Irene Transue, Mary Thom, Heather Hand, Joanne Katuna, Jean Warneka, Erma Schnell, Susan Woodling, Irma Jacobs, James Scott, Jane Lasecki, Connie Lewis Stefanie Divinchick and Denise Castellano.

Elva Elston: Epitome of good secretary

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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This week, the majority of employers in the Back Mountain Area join with others across the United States in paying tribute to their secretaries — those dedicated and conscientious individuals who perform a wide range of duties quietly and efficiently to make business operations run smoothly for their superiors.

National Secretaries' Week — April 21 through April 25 — is the week set aside for special recognition to all secretaries as employers take time out to show appreciation in some way to their secretaries for the job they have done during the year.

Webster defines secretary as "one employed to handle correspondence and manage routine and detail work for a superior."

Lake-Lehman High School Principal John Zaleskas describes his secretary, Elva Elston, differently. He has the highest praise for Elva and says he cannot find the words to describe how valuable she is to the district.

"Elva has been with the district since May of 1962 and understands the complete operation. She not only serves as my secretary, but also manages the office and keeps it running smoothly with no obvious effort on her part.

"She is very unselfish with her time and is willing to spend extra hours in the office whenever neces-

sary," added Zaleskas. "She has any information I need at her fingertips and is also a big help to the teachers, students and other administrators. We have no assistant principal at the senior high school, but Elva fills that niche and keeps everything running smoothly."

Zaleskas said he can't begin to find ways to express his appreciation for the fine job Elva Elston does but as a small token of thanks, he plans to take her and the other two employees in the high school office for lunch at Irem Temple Country Club today.

Mrs. Elston, the former Elva Knecht, is the daughter of Mrs. Norma Knecht and the late James Knecht. Married to Gomer "Ike" Elston of Kunkle, Elva started her position as secretary for the school district in May of 1962, first in the office at Laketon High School, then transferred to the former Lehman Senior High School and moved into the new Lake-Lehman High School on the present site when it was completed.

She attended Wyoming Seminary Dean School of Business and, after graduating, worked for the Lynn-Fieldhouse Advertising Agency until she left to raise her family of three children, Ralph, residing in Hampton, Va., Sally Shrope, Jersey Shore; and Dale of Kunkle.

When she accepted the position as secretary in the senior high school, Mrs. Elston served under Anthony Marchakitis who was then principal. Marchakitis was later succeeded by

the late James Nicholas while Zaleskas, who was an assistant principal for many years, assumed the principal duties following Nicholas' death.

Elva's responsibilities are so many, it is difficult for her to list all of them. She has been doing so many of the various duties, they just come naturally.

She takes all the dictation and does the transcripts for Zaleskas, logs all of the teacher absentees, makes certain all classes are covered, coordinates all the operations of the high school, does the master schedule, is in charge of report cards and grade sheets and takes care of the files, many of them confidential.

Elva is assisted by Mrs. Jean Holcomb and Mrs. Rita Bulford in many of the office duties such as answering the phone, making public announcements, typing and other similar tasks. Elva also schedules appointments for Zaleskas and keeps him informed of upcoming events.

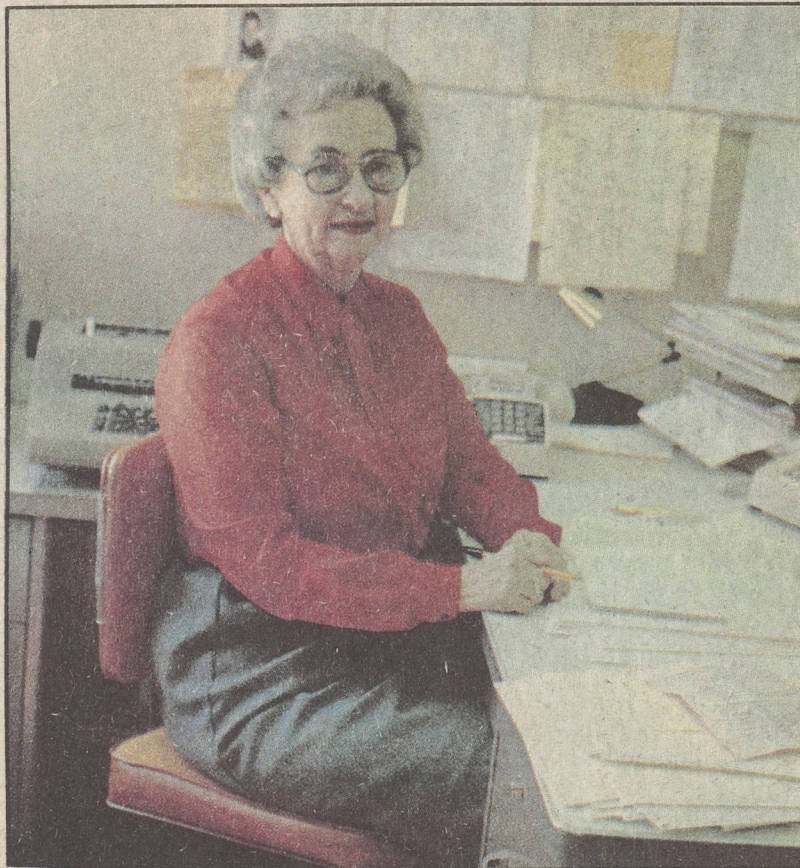
She is a member of the Luzerne County Association of Educational Secretaries and a past secretary of that organization, which each year gives a \$100 bond to a student from each school in the LIU 18 area and two \$500 scholarships to a student selected from each of two schools.

She is an active member of Kunkle United Methodist Church where she is treasurer of the Kunkle United Methodist Women. Elva is also a past treasurer of the recently

disbanded Joy Class. She also teaches Sunday School.

Elva gives a great deal of credit to her two fellow workers, Jean Holcomb and Rita Bulford, for their assistance in helping the high school operation running smoothly. She also works with the students helping them resolve any problems they might have.

In addition to her brother James Knecht who resides at Harveys Lake, Elva's family consists of five grandchildren, Megan Elston, Christopher and Kellie Shrope; Scott and Jeremy Elston.



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Right-hand woman

Elva Elston, Lake-Lehman School District secretary for more than 20 years, is described by High School Principal John Zaleskas as his "right hand."

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