

**THE DALLAS POST**

**EDITORIALS**

**Breaking of water pact is an outrage**

The Bureau of Safety and Compliance of the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission appears to have reneged on its own agreement for review of expansions of service by the Dallas-Shavertown Water Company.

Under the pact, adopted by the Commission in April, all requests for expansion were to have been reviewed by a group of Back Mountain residents and presented at a public meeting. In addition, copies of engineering plans were to be filed with both the Bureau and the Office of the Consumer Advocate. That apparently was not done in at least one case, nor have public meetings been held.

This action is especially disturbing in light of last year's persistent water outages in the region. Luckily, rainfall this year has been more than adequate to keep up with demand. Had this been another dry summer, we know of nothing the water company has done that would have prevented more problems.

It is an outrageous abuse of the public trust for the Bureau of Safety and Compliance to have so blatantly disregarded this agreement. If any party to it felt it was improper, there are remedies available short of simply ignoring it. One of the best results of the pact was that it would have forced the company and PUC to hold public discussions about water supplies in this region. It has become obvious that without such a requirement, the Dallas-Shavertown Water Company will tell us nothing about our water.

The Back Mountain Water Commission has already taken action to straighten out this unfortunate action by contacting legislators and the Governor's office. And the Office of the Consumer Advocate has filed a petition with the full PUC asking it to enforce its own order and to fine the company \$1000 each for the new hookups that have been made in violation of the agreement.

We can't see any reason why this agreement should not be enforced. If there are serious objections to it, they should be discussed in the light of a public hearing held in the Back Mountain so that residents can easily attend.

**Better enforcement due at Harveys Lake**

In the wake of the latest accident on Harveys Lake, it's time for authorities to take a hard look at the level of enforcement provided for the few rules that govern boaters and others there.

While it's true that no law will keep irresponsible people from driving their boats late at night without lights, it is equally true that only good luck has prevented a serious accident from occurring on any given weekend.

The lack of adequate traffic control and policing of the lake are obvious to those who live there. Many residents have told us that they do not take their boats out on weekends because of the risk engendered by the heavy use and high speeds. But they point out that when police or Fish Commission officials are around, dangerous driving stops temporarily.

It seems that those charged with seeing that the lake is used safely have been given fewer resources than they need to do the job. The Fish Commission, which has primary responsibility for enforcement, is asked to shoulder most of the burden while also watching over waterways around the region.

The Harveys Lake police also have the power to enforce regulations, but they, too, have many other things to do. And they don't normally patrol on the lake, where the action is.

We would like to see more and better enforcement of safety related rules on Harveys Lake, especially on weekends, and we hope local and state officials will move to do so before an unnecessary tragedy occurs.



**Mrs. Crump's booth**

An annual tradition at the library auction is Mrs. Crump's Book Booth. At age 94, Mrs. Crump organizes the booth each year. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

**Letters**

**Lake resident feels bar to apartments will be a plus**

Editor:

You've written a few articles in regard to the conversion of the Waterfront Bar (also known as Lakes Edge Bar) into an apartment building and have quoted me in the articles.

I'd like to make it clear that my opinions on this subject are just that, my own opinions. As a councilman, I have no vote in this matter. I am NOT a member of the Planning Commission or the Zoning Board, and I am not the Building Inspector. I have no more say in this matter than any of my neighbors here at Warden Place.

Since I do reside at Warden Place and can see this building from my home, I do have a personal opinion on the matter. For the last 10 years that this bar was open and operat-

ing it drew a younger and wilder crowd. All of us at Warden Place were subjected to a lot of noise, especially late at night; squealing tires, tossed beer bottles, over-flow parking problems, which created traffic hazards, just to mention a few of the problems. It is for this reason that I favor the conversion from a bar to an apartment building. The neighborhood will be quieter and we'll have no traffic problems. I think it will improve property values.

I just wanted to make it clear that Harveys Lake Council (of which I am a member) has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Richard H. Boice  
Harveys Lake

**Clarifies Planned Parenthood work**

Editor:

In the wake of the recent abortion ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, Planned Parenthood of Northeast Pennsylvania would like to reaffirm that, yes, we are still providing family planning services.

Fortunately, the right to use birth control was not affected by this decision. Women can still come to our medical centers to receive appropriate birth control methods and instructions, along with a

complete gynecological exam including Pap test and instruction in self breast exam. The services are available to all women, regardless of age or income.

Planned Parenthood will keep working to reduce the need for abortions by offering accurate birth control information and reliable birth control methods.

Joan Krashnak, Manager  
Wilkes-Barre Planned Parenthood Center

**Notes Post's coverage of event**

Editor:

We were able to hold the "Market on the Pond" Flea Market on June 24 between the raindrops, and are happy to report it was a great success. Our best yet!

I want to thank the Dallas Post

for publicizing this once a year and only fund raising event of the Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary.

Marilyn A. Gregorski  
Director of Public Relations

**Only yesterday**

50 Years Ago - July 14, 1939

**CRUSADE AGAINST BOOZE IN SWEET VALLEY AND LEHMAN**

The service of the Dallas Water Company has improved so much the complainants decided not to press the charges they filed with the PUC.

Crusades by the drys are being carried out to ban liquor in Sweet Valley and Lehman this Fall.

Radio and motion picture star Lee Tracy sent word to his mother, Mrs. W.L. Tracy in Trucksville that "All is Well" on the white schooner he is traveling on across the Pacific Ocean.

Judge W. A. Valentine responded to the pleas of groups throughout Luzerne County and agreed to run for reelection to the bench.

Super infelding aided the Arrows in shutting out Noxen 5-0 Sunday afternoon to move them into a tie for fourth place.

Engaged - Arlette Gray and Howard Hallock.

Stunted crops facing ruin unless rains come soon with only .03 inches of rain during June and July to date.

40 Years Ago - July 15, 1949

**NOXEN'S 12-0 RECORD LEADS LEAGUE**

The greatest community auction in Pennsylvania gets underway at noon today as volunteers begin the two-day sale of new and used items to raise funds for the library.

Trucksville fireman will hold a four-day fair next weekend with specialty acts and the concerts by the Naval Reserve Band and Al Camp's Band.

Noxen holds the lead in the Bi-County League with a 12-0 record. Engaged - Laura Gallo and Ira E. Goode; Margaret E. Davis and James Dallas Shepherd.

Vestrymen of Prince of Peace Church announced ground will be broken in August for the new church.

30 Years Ago - July 16, 1959

**DALLAS DISTRICT POPULATION AT 12,111**

Laning Harvey, Jr. of Huntsville has been named business manager of Wyoming Seminary.

The Library Auction will play a return engagement this Saturday from noon to midnight to compensate for last Friday when the auction was rained out.

College Misericordia has purchased the Titman home at 166 Lake Street for use as a dormitory.

The Dallas Union School District's final census shows total

population of the district at 12,111 with 3,584 houses represented.

Frank C. Johnson is the newly-appointed superintendent of the Jackson Institution for defective juvenile delinquents. Jackson is presently superintendent at the Rockview Prison.

The sale of the lamb from the Herman Thomas Farm at the auction Saturday night brought a large group of young bidders to the auction block.

Gosarts defeated Lazarus 10-6 in the Little League to hold first place in the second half.

20 Years Ago - July 17, 1969

**LIBRARY AUCTION NETS \$20,000 DESPITE RAIN**

Back Mountain Library Auction tops \$20,000 despite a heavy cloud-burst one day.

Dallas School Board met Tuesday evening to determine whether the new Junior High School would be ready for the opening of school but no definite answer was forthcoming.

Lake-Lehman District reels under the blow that the jointure owes the State money because of an overpayment of \$39,000 last year based on tuition.

Two hundred Girl Scouts camp at the first session of day camp at Wildwood, Harveys Lake.

Wed - Dorothy Mathers and Richard Brown; Dorothy Keiper and George N. Hettiger Jr.

Linda Dymond of Dallas won the Anthracite Open Golf Tournament for Women at the Fox Hill Country Club in West Pittston.

10 Years Ago - July 12, 1979

**HARVEYS LAKE'S CHIEF LEINTHALL RETIRES**

Dallas Borough reported a decrease in crime for the first quarter of the year.

This year's library auction grossed \$47,000 succeeding financially and also as a fun event.

Harveys Lake Borough Police Chief Walbridge Leinthall retired after 27 years as a full time police officer.

A rumor that Allen Morrow of Harveys Lake was about to open a 'disco' in the Dallas Shopping Center proved to be false.

Harveys Lake firemen are holding their annual fair this week.

Wed - Linda Louise Tough and Jonathan P. Pinen; Debra Leigh Oney and Dr. John Klarich.

Engaged - Annamarie Stenger and George Narcum; Linda Rebecca Mekeel and John Gordon Truscott.

Back Mountain residents invited to play in Tupper Cup tennis tournament.

**Seniors' rent rebates in mail**

State Treasurer Catherine Baker Knoll and Revenue Secretary David L. Donahoe announced today that Property Tax/Rent Rebate checks totaling \$101.6 million will be mailed to more than 405,000 households beginning Friday.

The checks, which average \$251, are being mailed by the Treasury Department.

Donahoe added that he has extended the June 30 filing deadline until Dec. 31 to give eligible claimants more time to apply for rebates of property taxes or rent paid in 1988.

The rebate program, funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery, offers eligible senior citizens 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and permanently

disabled persons 18 or older a partial rebate of their property taxes or rent.

The maximum income for eligibility is \$15,000. Those who qualify will receive rebates of up to \$500 and a companion Inflation Dividend (automatically issued in December) of up to \$125.

Applications can be obtained at Department of Revenue offices, Area Agencies on Aging, senior citizen centers, legislators' offices, or by calling the department's toll-free line: 1-800-SRCLAIM.

More than 475,000 people are expected to apply for rebates this year, Donahoe said. Since the program began in 1972, Lottery proceeds have provided more than \$1.4 billion in benefits through property tax and rent rebates.

**Letters invited**

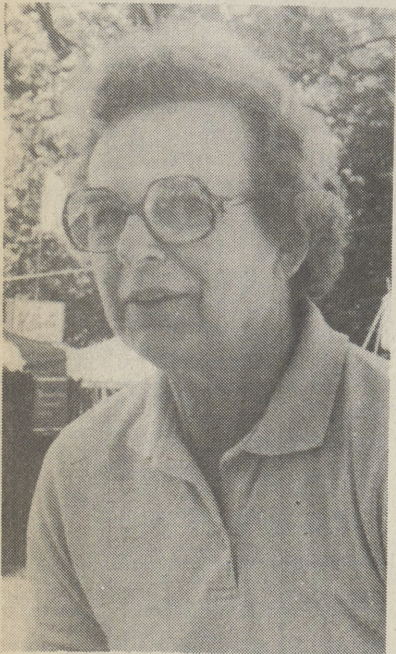
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**The Post asks: "What did you buy at the auction and what do you plan to do with it?"**



**Ann Smith**  
Dallas

"A needlepoint canvas. I like doing needlework and plan to do this in needlepoint for a room in my home."



**Nina & Todd Probel**  
Tunkhannock

"We bought a antique dental chair and plan to give it to Nina's brother, who just graduated from dental school."



**Jane McMichael**  
Homemaker

"I bought plants to take home and plant in my flower garden."



**Bobbie Klein**  
Harveys Lake

"Crafted Houses. I considered buying them to sell in our new shop we plan to open."



**Drea Barbose**  
Dallas

"I bought the \$25 gift certificate donated by Monte's and plan to give it as a gift."