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PennDOT says no to rails at intersection

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has turned down a request by Dallas Borough Council to install guardrails at the intersection of Routes 309 and 415, explaining that the intersection did not meet the criteria set by PennDOT for their installation.

The council had requested that guardrails be installed in June, but instead PennDOT advised the borough that it would change the signs and make more noticeable markings on the pavement. Council members expressed their displeasure with the decision, stating that there have been at least 10 accidents at the intersection within the past six months, the latest on July 29. Following that accident, the council requested PennDOT to begin making changes as soon as possible, but none had been made up to the time of the council meeting Tuesday, August 15.

Tim Carroll, vice president of the borough council, said in his opinion, PennDOT should forget about criteria and take another look at the situation at the Route 309-415 intersection. Other board members agreed with Carroll that PennDOT should be urged to take stronger steps in the matter.

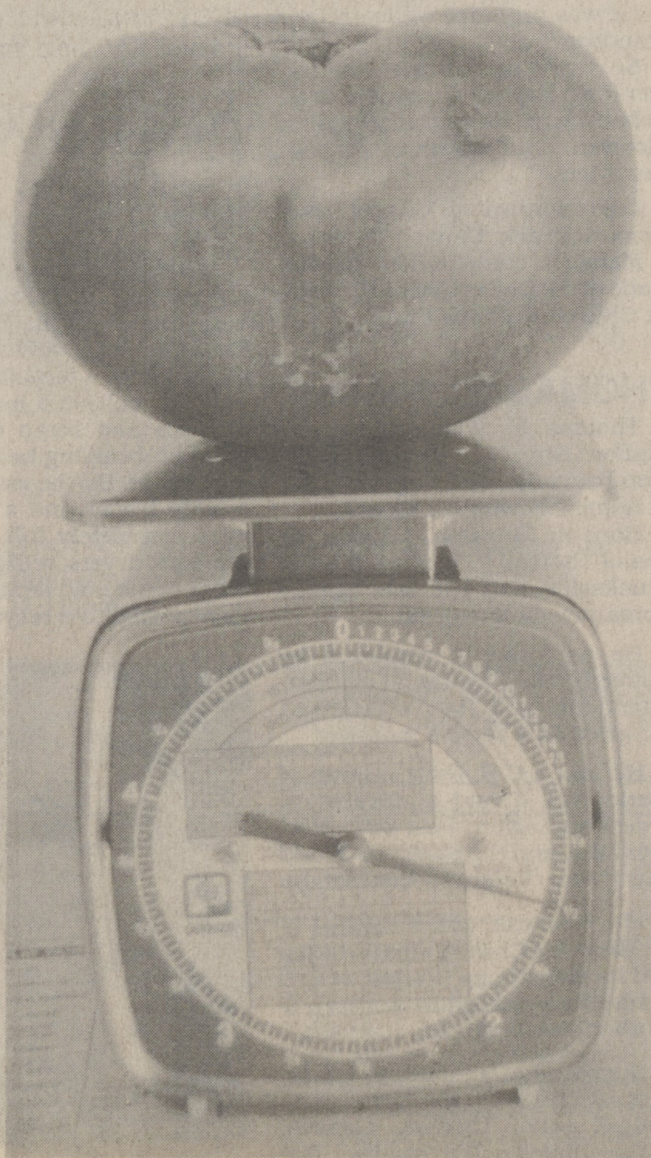
The council accepted the resignation of Donald Cooper from the Planning Commission and appointed former borough manager

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It's a whopper

John Zarno of Franklin Twp. grew this 1.5 lb. beauty and more tomatoes from Page seeds. Cost, 10 cents a package. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)



Shaffer to hold Dallas council post after all

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Donald Shaffer, who lost in May's primary race for the Dallas Borough Council, apparently will hold a seat after all.

The recent resignation of Dallas Borough councilmen William Berti and Craig Tupper made it necessary for the council to appoint two persons to fill their unexpired terms. Berti's seat is to expire at the end of this year but Tupper's seat does not expire until December, 1991.

Donald Cooper, who won a Republican nomination for council in the primary election, was appointed to finish out Berti's term, and Patricia Peiffer, who also won nomination in the primary, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Tupper until the end of this year.

In November, when Cooper is elected in the general election, he

will take a four year term on council and Peiffer when elected will also take a four year term on council. Both Cooper and Peiffer, along with Timothy Carroll, also a winning nominee in the primary, will be seated for four year terms.

As a result of the openings, a candidate had to be placed on the ballot in November to run for the two-year unexpired term of Tupper, who resigned due to his moving outside of the borough.

The process for selecting such a candidate involves a selection by the local Republican and/or Democratic Committee. The selection is then recommended to the District Chairman of the party. In the case of Dallas Borough, the Democratic Party did not choose to select a candidate for the two-year term.

The Dallas Borough Republican Committee recommended Shaffer

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Joneses charged with selling liquor to minors

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The owners of a Lake Silkworth bar have been bound over for trial in the Luzerne County Court on charges of providing alcohol to minors, in rulings handed down by District Justice Carmen Maffei.

David "Jigger" Jones and his wife, Eleanor, owners of the Lake Silkworth bar, appeared before Magistrate Maffei, Thursday, Aug. 17, where they were charged with furnishing alcohol to minors and a count of corrupting minors.

Two teenagers, one 18 years of age and one 17 years, testified that on June 10, they purchased both beer and whiskey without being questioned at all by Jones, who was tending bar. The teenagers testified that Jones encouraged them to have a good time since they were graduates.

The 18-year-old said he went to

the Jones cafe more than once that night because they were going from party to party. The teenagers said they purchased a case of beer, several six or eight packs of beer and a bottle of whiskey from the Jones bar.

Later the night of June 10, 18-year-old Rich Hillman, who graduated from Lake-Lehman High School, was shot and killed by another youth, after attending several graduation parties. The juvenile has been charged with manslaughter in juvenile court.

Following the testimony before him August 17, District Justice Maffei ruled that Jones must stand trial in Luzerne County Court on three counts of furnishing alcohol to minors and one count of corruption of minors.

Maffei said there was insufficient evidence to prove Assistant

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Varied reaction to Harveys Lake water contamination

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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Harveys Lake residents are expressing mixed reactions to how the Harveys Lake Sewer Authority and the Borough Council have handled the problem of bacteria contamination found in drinking water at Warden Place.

At the Borough Council meeting Tuesday, August 15, several residents attacked the council for not acting sooner and more effectively.

Councilman Richard Boice, who is also Executive Director of the Sewer Authority, defended the actions taken. He said he felt adequate action has been taken. "What do you want us to do on such short notice," Boice said.

Several residents around the lake have expressed concern over the way the situation has been handled. One resident, Michelle Pellam, Old Lake Road, said she feels neither the council nor the authority is doing their job prop-

erly. "I was never contacted by the sewer authority or council about possible contamination. They're not really doing their job," she said.

Pellam said she fears the contamination may not be confined to Warden Place, the only place it has been detected. She also said that there is a possibility of widespread contamination, the authority should test the entire area. "They should go around the whole lake and get water tested rather than just one area," she said.

Pellam, like many other residents, is having her water tested at the Kirby Health Center in Wilkes-Barre. "I do not feel safe drinking the water," she said.

The fear of widespread contamination is apparently not restricted to Harveys Lake residents. Patrons of Harveys Lake restaurants said they are also concerned about the problem. "I will not drink

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Well owners must fix problems themselves

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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Homeowners concerned about contamination of drinking water at Harveys Lake may have to solve the problem on their own, since no authority seems to be accepting responsibility for private wells.

Richard Boice, executive director of the Harveys Lake Sewer Authority and borough councilman, said, "We advise each homeowner to have his water tested on a regular basis." Other than dye-testing to trace a source of the bacteria, Boice said neither the authority nor the council can do much because the wells are privately owned and not part of a utility.

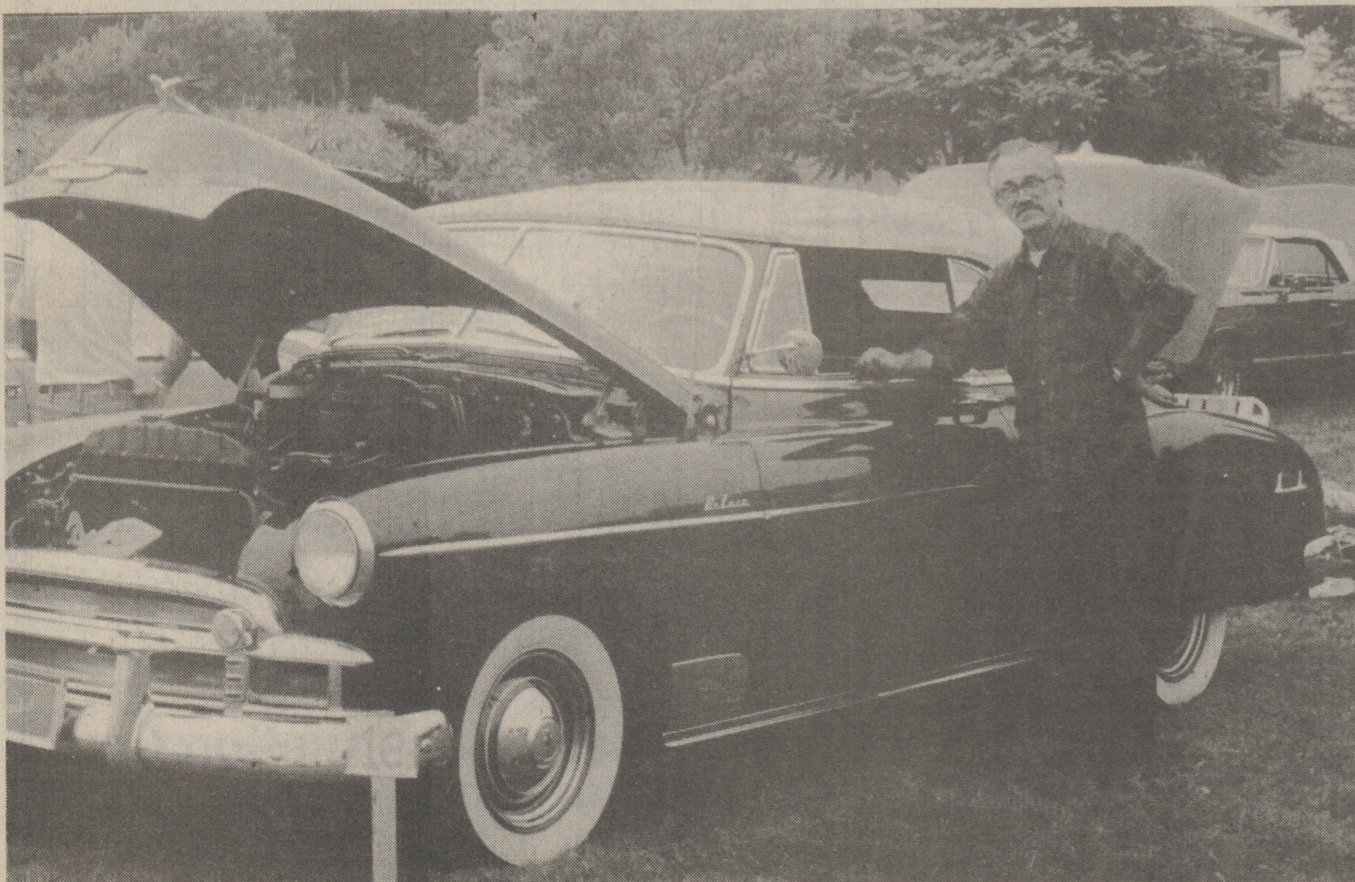
Boice said he has been doing some work personally to try and locate any possible sources of contamination. "I have been going door to door at Warden Place. Anyone I see I advise of the situation," he said.

The state Department of Environmental Resources also claims they are not responsible for the wells. Ron Ptashinski, DER spokesman, said last week that since DER has no regulations governing private wells, the agency could be of little help.

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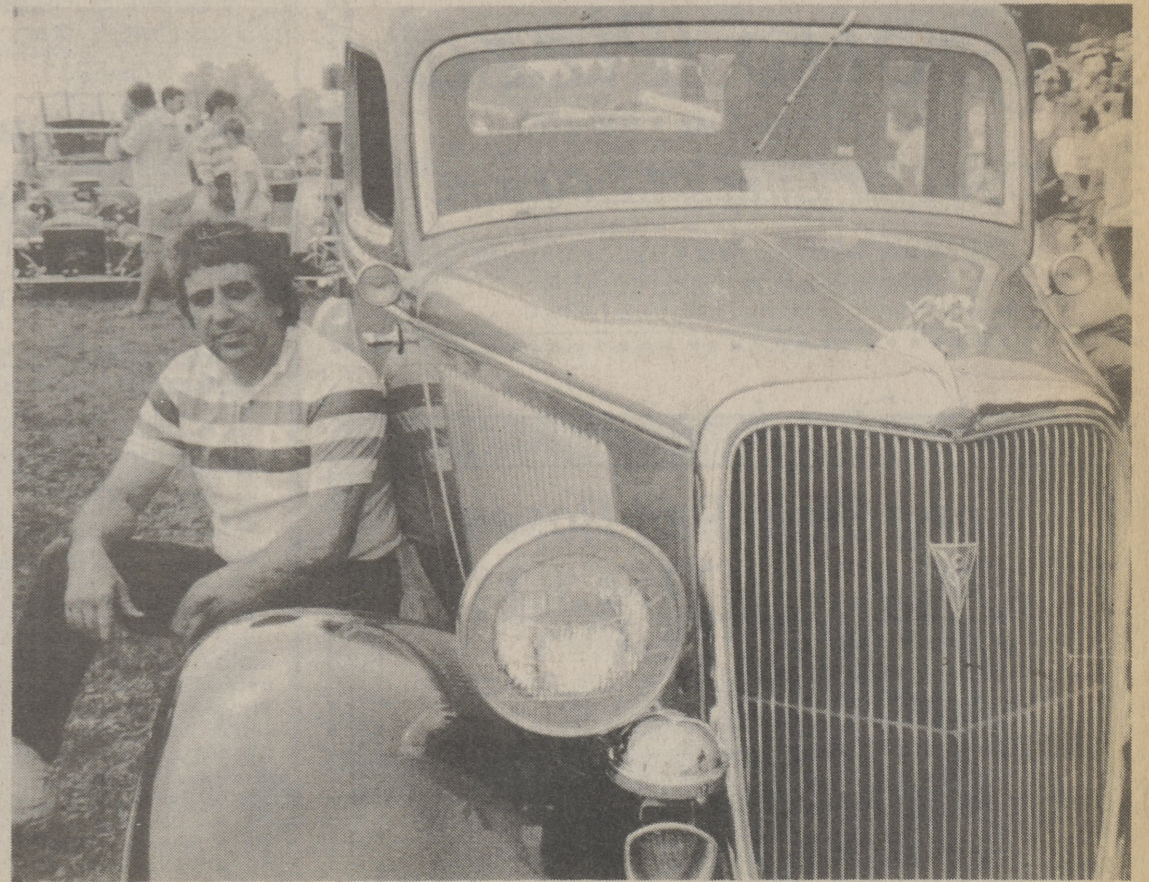
"If the problem is found," Ptashinski said, "we may get more involved." He described DER's present status as an "advisory-type involvement." He also explained that since the problem is bacterial, the source will be difficult to find.

According to Ptashinski, DER has taken samples from Warden Place to confirm the findings of resident, but results will not be available for a week to ten days.



1950 Chevy convertible

Joe Anusiewicz of Wyoming stands next to his prize winner last Sunday at the Back Mountain Antique Car Show. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)



1934 Ford

Jerry Schmid, Main St., Dallas relaxes on the running board of his 9-year-old project. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

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Coming up:

ARTS AT HAYFIELD - Arts and Crafts Festival. Sun., Aug. 27, 11AM-6PM, Penn State Campus, Lehman. One-woman play "The Belle of Amherst," 4 PM.
HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD - Tues., Aug. 29, 7PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg.
LEHMAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - Mon., Aug. 28, 8 PM, Lehman Township Municipal Bldg.