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Prison boss says 90% staff is enough at Dallas

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Questions about understaffing and overcrowding at Chase prison have become more urgent in the face of last week's uprising at a prison in Camp Hill.

The members of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the State Correctional Institution, Dallas, are concerned that the institution is functioning at 90 percent of its required staffing level and that in

excess of one million dollars in overtime has been paid by the Department of Corrections to make up for the shortage in personnel.

State Representatives and Sen. Charles Lemmond have also expressed concern that the State Correctional Institution at Dallas has been functioning at 90 percent personnel rather than 100 percent.

Rep. Stanley J. Jarolin wrote to Commissioner of the Department of Corrections David S. Owens, Jr.

stating that he believed it would be more cost effective and more practical to hire additional personnel. He also questioned whether staff members working overtime might cause undue fatigue.

The citizens in the local area expressed their concern about the staffing when they were informed that the facility is currently operating with about 334 guards and more than 1900 inmates with no plans to hire additional correctional guards.

On behalf of the citizens, Pat Rusiloski of the Citizens Advisory Committee expressed their concerns that the Department of Corrections would rather spend in excess of one million dollars for overtime rather than hire more guards. She also questioned whether additional hours of overtime would not be tiring for correctional officers, after working a regular shift.

Rusiloski expressed these concerns after local citizens learned

through a correspondence from Owens that after receiving their letter about the personnel question, he discussed the staffing needs of the Dallas institution with Superintendent Joseph Ryan, as well as taking another look at staffing levels around the state.

Owens told the Representatives and Senator Lemmond that Ryan assured him all essential posts were staffed by assigned officers or by officers working on an overtime basis and he requested that the

citizens be assured that the security needs of the Dallas institution were being met on a day to day basis.

Superintendent Ryan said Monday that he was in agreement with Commissioner Owens.

"We have a rotating list of voluntary substitute correctional officers, who will come in and work a shift or shifts when we need them and then do not work again until

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DER to help find HL water contaminants

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The state Department of Environmental Resources has been called in to study well water contamination problems that have gripped Harveys Lake since May.

Stanley Lehman, supervisor for DER's Bureau of Water Quality, was at the lake Monday to gather contamination readings from homes in Warden Place.

"He went over the area getting a lay of the land," commented Warden Place resident William Mann. Mann was the first resident to discover bacteria contamination in his drinking water. Tests found over eighty times the legal limit of contamination in his well water in May. The reading had remained at the same level throughout the summer. Since Mann's discovery, he has urged many other lake residents to have their water tested. Several returned similar readings.

According to Mann, who accompanied Lehman during his tour of the area, Lehman spent about two hours gathering household contamination readings and taking water samples.

Mann said DER is considering calling a geologist into the area to further study the problem. DER could not be reached for comment by presstime.

Mann said Lehman told him DER may try to dye test the area in search of contamination sources. The Harveys Lake Sewer Authority attempted dye testing during the summer, but was unable to find the source of contamination of the wells.

"Unlike the sewer authority," Mann pointed out Monday, "DER will have the water samples tested to check for minute traces of dye." The sewer authority used only visual inspection to screen the water samples while performing their dye tests.

Mann said DER explained the testing procedure to him. He explained DER would accomplish the tests by injecting traceable dye into the land and other possible sources of contamination in the Warden Place area. DER will then take eight hour samples of water from various wells and send the samples to Harrisburg. Once in Harrisburg, the samples will go through tests to determine if any minute traces of the dye are present. If a sample has dye traces, DER could determine locations where the contamination is seeping into the drinking wells.

Mann said the DER representative asked him to prepare a map of Warden Place showing the location of homes, their contamination readings if any, and the depth of their wells. "They are concentrating on First, Second, Orchard, and Kitchen streets first," Mann said. "I feel DER is moving in the correct direction."

Mann said he believes DER has recently become involved in the lake's water problem because of letters he sent to various governmental bodies, including one letter sent to Governor Robert Casey, explaining the situation at the lake.

"DER has been sharing excellent cooperation," Mann said. "This is something we have not seen in the past."



Lake-Lehman Queen
Stacy Chamberlain, left, 1988 Homecoming Queen crowns Denise Thompson, this year's Homecoming Queen during the ceremonies before Saturday's game. Denise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thompson, RD 5, Shavertown. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)



Ghosts and goblins on parade
The annual Dallas Kiwanis Halloween parade was held last week and dozens of Back Mountain creatures turned out. Costume winners on page 9. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

No solutions yet to Oak Hill water woes

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The residents of the Oak Hill development say they have had a continuing problem with the quantity and quality of water provided them by the National Utility Company since 1988 and in September of that year, filed a request with the Public Utility Commission to reject the request of the company to increase their rates by 24.65 percent in October, 1988.

In February, 1989, the PUC finally approved a rate increase of 14.45 percent. Since that time, however, residents say there has been little, if any change and the problem with the water has continued.

As a result, the customers of Oak Hill Water Company, as the National Utilities subsidiary company is designated, held a meeting

August 31, 1989, which was attended by Rep. Scott Dietterick.

Following a lengthy discussion on the subject, Rep. Dietterick agreed to contact Commissioner Bill Shane, chairman of the PUC and inform him of the residents problems and requests.

The customers of the company in Oak Hill were interested in knowing whether the rate increase might be rescinded since nothing has been improved in the last year. They also wanted to know whether or not the company was complying with the PUC's ruling to reorganize and file a comprehensive plan to improve and protect water quality.

Consumer Advocate David Barsch in reply explained that there is no question that the PUC can set a reduced level of rates for the future based on inadequate serv-

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Few contests in Tuesday's elections

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With the general election less than a week away, there are few spirited contests in the local municipalities. In a few of the boroughs and townships there is some competition for auditor or judge of election but even for these positions there is generally no opposition.

In Dallas Township there is no opposition for Frank Wagner, candidate on the Republican ballot for supervisor, nor for Leonard Kozick, Republican candidate for tax collector.

In Dallas Borough, the candidates running for mayor and council have no opposition on the Democrat ballot.

Harveys Lake Borough has a full slate of candidates on both the Republican and Democrat ballots and it promises to be the most spirited contest in the region.

On the Republican ballot, candidate for mayor is William Purcell; candidate for Tax Collector is Carolyn Scull; candidates for council (4) are Boyd Barber, Robert Albee, Joseph Kolesar and Ron Edwards; candidate for judge of election is Carol Edwards.

On the Democrat ballot, candidate for mayor is Joseph Boyle; candidate for tax collector is Terry Jones; candidates for council (4) are William Wilson, Joseph Miscavage, Edward Kelly and Rich Boice; candidate for judge of election is Sandra Dobrowski.

There is also competition in Region 3 of the Lake-Lehman School District where there are three candidates on the ballot for the two seats which will be vacant in December. On the Republican ballot the two candidates are Marty McMahon and Joseph "Red" Jones; on the Democrat ballot the candidates are Marty McMahon and Eleanor Miller. The winners in the general election will be decided by the total number of votes.

In Lake Township, incumbent Fred Wisniewski is the candidate for supervisor on the Democrat ballot, and Alan Updyke is the candidate on the Republican ballot.

In most of the municipalities, the contest or lack of contests, are being accepted quietly by the voters and with the exception of those mentioned above, there appears to be very little interest in the November election.

WHERE TO VOTE

- DALLAS BOROUGH:**
South District - Back Mountain Memorial Library, Huntsville Road.
North District - Borough Municipal Building, Main Street.
- DALLAS TOWNSHIP**
South District - Side area of Township Municipal Building, Route 309.
Middle District - Front area of Township Municipal Building.
North District - Kunkle Fire Hall.
- FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**
Orange Methodist Church, Eighth Street.
- JACKSON TOWNSHIP**
Jackson Fire Hall
- HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH**
Harveys Lake Borough Municipal Building, Route 415.
- KINGSTON TOWNSHIP**
Northeast District - Carverton United Methodist Church, Carverton.
Northwest District - Shavertown Fire Hall, North Main Street.
Southwest District - Trucksville Fire Hall in the Township Municipal Building, Carverton Road.
- LAKE TOWNSHIP**
Loyalville United Methodist Church.
- LEHMAN TOWNSHIP**
Middle District - Lehman Fire Hall.
Southwest District - Lake Silkworth Fire Hall.
Northeast District - Idetown Fire Hall.
- ROSS TOWNSHIP**
Sweet Valley Fire Hall.

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Coming up:

- BACK MOUNTAIN WATER COMMISSION** - Thurs., Nov. 2, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.
- DALLAS TWP. SUPERVISORS** - Tues., Nov. 7, 8 PM, Dallas Twp. Bldg, Route 309
- FRANKLIN TWP. PLANNING COMMISSION** - Mon., Nov. 6, 6:30 PM
- FRANKLIN TWP. SUPERVISORS** - Mon., Nov. 6, 8 PM
- JACKSON TWP. SUPERVISORS** - Mon., Nov. 6, 7:30 PM, Jackson Twp. Fire Hall
- KINGSTON TWP. SUPERVISORS** - Wed., Nov. 8, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.
- KINGSTON TWP. ZONING BOARD** - Mon., Nov. 6, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.

Public invited to Post reception

As part of the celebration of its 100th publishing year, The Dallas Post will host a reception at its office in the 309-415 Plaza tomorrow (Thursday) from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Housed in the office are the computer systems used to produce the newspaper and general offices. A demonstration of the computers and of newspaper layout will be given.

Light refreshments will be served, and each person attending will receive a complimentary copy of The Post's 100th Anniversary Edition. All are welcome.