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PTO buys four computers for Dallas school

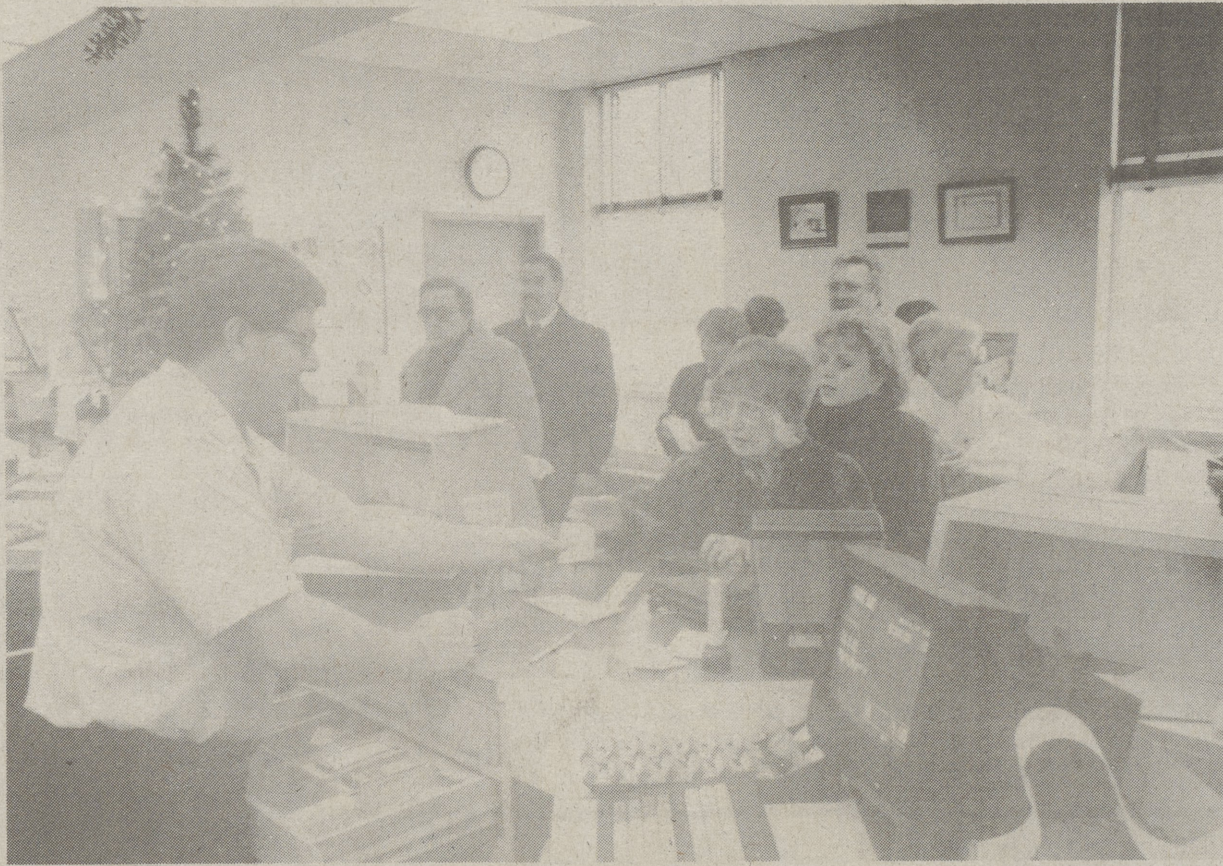
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In a presentation made to members of the Dallas School Board at its regular meeting Monday, December 11, Ms. Ruth Tetschner, principal of the Dallas Elementary School, commended the school's Parent-Teacher Organization for aiding the school's computer program.

"Parents are becoming more seriously involved in their children's mathematics and members of the Dallas Elementary PTO are interested in learning and want to show their interest," Tetschner told the board.

"The PTO purchased four additional computers for the elementary school and we now have 28 computers in our lab for the children. Ten years from now many of today's jobs will have disappeared and the new jobs will not be able to be done without math," Tetschner

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'Tis the season

The Dallas Post Office is showing the signs of the season as area residents line up to mail cards and packages to friends and relatives. Above, Mike Williams helped a customer as others waited on Monday. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

Widespread contamination unlikely

Six Lehman wells now known tainted

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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Water from two more wells has been found contaminated in Lehman township bringing the total of tainted wells to six. But the contamination levels have been low and township authorities do not presently consider the problem extensive.

Township Supervisor Douglas Ide has confirmed that two more wells have been found contaminated, but said they are not located in Lehman Center where four other wells have been contaminated. He explained the different location may indicate the two recently detected cases are not related to the previous four.

"So far, I do not believe we are facing an extensive problem," Ide said Monday. He said about 12 other homes tested have shown no contamination. "From the test

results," Ide explained, "it is not as extensive a problem as Harveys Lake is facing."

Harveys Lake has been facing a serious fecal coliform bacteria contamination in its drinking wells since May. The borough has been unable to determine the source of the contamination and the state Department of Environmental Resources is looking into the matter.

Ide explained the contamination in Lehman Township may not be as extensive as Harveys Lake's because the area has a lower population density than areas of the lake. He specifically mentioned Warden Place, which has reported the highest contamination levels at the lake.

Ide said the source of Lehman Township's contamination has not been identified yet, but a test of one contaminated home has shown

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Area residents reflect on changes in East Germany

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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"It's a big change, I don't believe East Berlin can go back to what it was," Arno Miller, Dallas teacher said in commenting on the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Miller is familiar with Germany having been a student in that country in 1965. "It wasn't too long after the wall was built," Miller explained. "I took a trip to Berlin and traveled through East and West Berlin. East Berlin and the area around it was dreary and there were still remnants from World War II in that part of Ger-

many. While in East Germany, I talked with some of the East Berlin students. They were hesitant to say much and couldn't believe we could move about as freely as we did," Miller said.

"After I came back to America, I took a group of students to Germany in 1973," Miller went on. "While there we visited East Berlin. There was some progress made, a few new buildings, but there were guard posts at regular intervals along the wall and guard dogs running loose. On the east side of the wall there was a large strip where the people were not allowed to cross. But in West Berlin, the

Arno Miller visited in 1988

people could stand on the platforms along it and wave to friends and relatives if they saw any.

"In 1988, during the summer I took a group of Dallas students and we toured East Berlin. The country looked better but there were still reports of people trying to escape and some killed.

Last year I was in Budapest, Hungary and I had occasion to talk with some East Germans who were visiting there and they were hoping conditions would become better," Miller continued.

"I believe Hungary is the country that started the freedom move when they allowed their people to leave the country and visit Austria," Miller said. "I believe one of the matters Bush and Gorbachev may have discussed was the reduction of troops and missiles. The Germans are very nervous about the missiles. You can't blame them. It is a weird feeling to see all those missiles pointing at you. It's no secret that the United States has a lot of bases and troops over there and the Germans want them out of

there.

"The government has become unstable, they really don't have a government now," Miller said. "Everything is moving forward, it's a big change, I don't think it will go back to what it was. They may have a democracy but I don't believe it will be like ours."

Lisa Owens, who lives in Hunklock Creek, was born and raised in Germany. "If we wanted to travel we had to have a passport (I.D. card) to go from county to county," Lisa said. "Now they are free to travel, something I never thought I would see in my lifetime.

"How many Americans do not

realize the opportunities they have?" she asked. "I was in Germany during the second World War and we had it tough. Americans think they have it tough they don't know what tough is," Lisa continued.

At one time, Lisa took her grandchildren to Germany to see her grandmother, who is no longer there. "She owned her home," Lisa explained. "But the land was not hers. That belonged to the town and you build what they tell you, not what you want to as you can here.

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Dallas seeks county grant

Dallas Borough Manager Milton Lutsey announced he has submitted a local needs questionnaire to the Luzerne County Community Development program for a Capital Improvement Project Grant.

"If successful in receiving a grant the monies would be used to remove and replace old and blocked storm drains, construct catch basins, and install reinforced 36" concrete pipe for channel improvements in drainage areas. The project would be completed with pavement restoration of sidewalks and cut areas of driveways and gutters along with topsoil and seeding where needed," the manager said.

In a prepared statement, Lutsey said the Dallas Borough Council members consider this proposed project as one of the community's priority needs. It would be a continuation of a two-phase project, connecting with the area above Jackson Street which was completed last year.

A necessary step in applying for this grant is having residents of the proposed project area complete a brief survey form. Lutsey, borough manager, will be completing the survey, December 18 and 19, and requests the cooperation of area residents.



Lots of smoke, not much fire

Dallas Fire Chief Ted Wright helped to carry burning materials from the Dallas Amoco Monday afternoon. While the building was filled with smoke, the fire itself did little damage. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

Jackson sewer project nears completion

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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Nine months after Jackson Township began installing a public sewer system, the main line and most of the lateral pipes are in place. Residents can expect to begin hookup procedures by the end of January.

Frank Ferraro, a project engineer, told the Jackson Township Municipal Authority Monday that all piping for the project should be completed around Christmas, and the system could be flushed around the first week of January.

According to Ferraro, 16 to 18 lateral pipes remain to be installed, mostly in the Meadowcrest area of the township. He said he expects the remaining laterals to be in place within the next two weeks. "There is not much frost in the area," he explained. "Only six to eight inches of frost. It is really not slowing us down."

Jack Ziegler, of the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority, said that as soon as the pipes are completed, the authority will begin notifying residents to apply for permits to connect to the system. "We are preparing to send form information and permit information to residents for hook-up," Ziegler said.

Ziegler complimented the authority and Linde Enterprises, who

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has been contracted to lay the pipes, for completing the project in only nine months. "Nine months, that's not bad," he said.

The township-wide sewer project was mandated by the state Department of Environmental Resources. The public sewer system is replacing a septic system which

was contaminating the area's water supply.

Of the \$3.8 million dollars needed for the project, \$2,515,890 is being paid by federal funding. Another \$983,505 is being paid through a PennVest loan obtained by the township.

The "Sewage Collection and Conveyance Project" will connect Jackson Township to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority waste treatment plant in Trucksville.

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Coming up:



Breakfast with Santa

Lehman Fire Hall
Sat., Dec. 16, 8 to 11 a.m.
All You Can Eat. Adults: \$4.00
Children under 12: \$2.00
Bring Your Camera

Children's Christmas Party

Jackson Twp. Fire Hall
Sun., Dec. 17, 1 p.m.
Santa will be there

Children's Christmas Party

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post, Dallas
Sat., Dec. 16, 2 to 4 p.m.
Santa will arrive by fire truck.

DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., Dec. 19, 8 PM, Dallas Borough Bldg., Main Street
DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Tues., Dec. 19, 8 PM, Dallas Township Bldg., Route 309
HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., Dec. 19, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415
HARVEYS LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., Dec. 18, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415

Kingston, Dallas townships plan for recycling

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In less than two years Kingston Township and Dallas Township officials will have to have a recycling plan in effect, according to a bill signed into law by Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey.

That statute requires communities the size of the two townships to implement recycling programs by September 1, 1991.

While the townships are cooperating to some extent, according to Dr. Thomas Winters, head of the

recycling committee of the Back Mountain Citizens' Council, they have not yet decided on a particular plan.

"We have had several recycling meetings and both townships have been represented," Dr. Winters said. "We had strong representation from Kingston Township at the last meeting, Supervisors Herbert Hill, William Tippett, Ben Franklin, Don Gavigan and Township Manager Jeff Box were present.

"In the past two meetings, two approaches were presented; Waste

Management and Lackawanna County. Each is different," Winters said.

Winters thinks the local communities will likely follow the lead of Luzerne County.

"Luzerne County's plan may be to tie into Lackawanna County and set up several receiving points, then have the county deliver to Lackawanna County.

"If the private haulers are used, they would have to be restructured," Dr. Winters explained. "They would also have to keep the records.

"Waste Management is the biggest possibility at present," he said. "They are eager to get into the business. In this area Waste Management is operating out of Dunmore but no matter the method there will have to be records," Dr. Winters explained.

Dr. Winters said if Lackawanna County is used they accept commingled items and only paper is separated. He can see either method working.

"If Waste Management is used,

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