

# New Dallas school board head Clarence Michael looks to future

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Clarence Michael of Dallas was elected president of the Dallas School Board for the 1990 school year at a special meeting Wednesday night at the administration building.

Ellen Nagy was elected vice president; Thomas Landon and John George, representatives to the West Side Vo-Tech board; Ellen Nagy, alternate and also elected as assistant secretary to the board.

Following his election as president, Michael said his goals include seeing the high school project started before the summer, having computers installed in the Middle School, and improving in the writing program across the district curriculum.

"I would also like to see negotiations with the teachers started early," Michael said, "so we can proceed to an amicable settlement by the time the contract is up."

"I have three children who are or have been in the Dallas Schools; a daughter Stefanie now in Bloomsburg; a son, Darren a senior; and Devin, a student in fifth grade. I am pleased with the education the Dallas District has to offer."

"During my tenure as president I hope to see a smooth transition of ninth grade into the senior high. I am also pleased that the sports



Clarence Michael  
New President of  
Dallas School Board

program has been updated and that both the academic and sports programs are coming together," Michael concluded.

Before leaving office, retiring president Ernest Ashbridge expressed his appreciation to the administration, faculty, board members and students for their cooperation during the past year.

Judge Robert Hourigan administered the oath of office to the board members, incumbents John

Litz, James Richardson and Thomas Landon; and new board members Thomas Stitzer and John Cleary.

Following the meeting, new board member Cleary, owner of Cleary Forest Products, said that he has five children, two in college and two in the district.

"Michael, age 8, is in third grade; Patrick, 12, is in a special ed program; Kelly, 15, in 10th grade; Shannon is a student at Ursinus College; and Erin is a junior at Hamilton.

"I hope to help make a good system better," Cleary said. "I have to become more familiar with the system before I can be too specific." A Republican, Cleary in 1984-85 was appointed to fill out the term. "Things have changed a lot since then," he said.

Thomas Stitzer, also a Dallas resident, is a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre District, as a reading specialist.

"This is my first time in politics," he said. "I hope to help achieve the education system and add some progressive ideas to some of the good old-fashioned ones."

"I have coached basketball and soccer and at one time golf, and also refereed baseball and basketball."

"My goal is to put education back in the hands of the educators," Stitzer concluded.

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said. She presented a film showing some of the methods being used by first through fifth grade teachers at Dallas Elementary to hold the interest of the children.

"Where we used to become familiar with algebra in eighth or ninth grade, these students are learning simple forms of algebra in second," Tetschner explained.

District superintendent Gerald Wycallis said that the Dallas Elementary building project is about 68 percent complete in general construction.

The directors also discussed an offer made by Whittle Communications to provide a 19-inch television for every 23 students providing the district would guarantee that every 12 minutes, the students would watch two minutes of advertising. Wycallis noted that the offer is not in line with the district's policy about advertising. The directors will discuss the subject at greater length and if they decide to have a presentation, the public will be invited.

Board member Thomas Landon announced that both the junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders qualified for the National Cheerleaders Competition in Orlando, Fla., in February, 1990, and moved that the students and their advisors be given approval to enter the national event. The directors approved unanimously since the girls will pay their own expenses.

# Sewer authority battles township over loan

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The Jackson Township Municipal Authority has rejected a demand by the township to immediately re-pay a \$46,000 loan taken out several years ago.

Township supervisors notified the authority by letter demanding repayment of the loan which the township granted the authority in 1984. The \$46,000 loan was used by the authority to conduct a feasibility study of the present sewer project being completed in the township.

According to Authority Chairman Richard Kindler, the authority agreed to repay the loan within one and one half years of the agreement. He explained the repayment agreement was made because the Environmental Protection Agency would reimburse the authority for the cost of the study.

"The loan could be forgiven or handled as a grant," Kindler said explaining the authority's reluctance to re-pay the loan, "but the supervisors feel the loan needs repayment."

Kindler explained that the \$46,000 could be used to offset some of the "tremendous" cost to taxpayers to obtain permits and have their homes connected to the new sewer system. No definite connection cost was available as of Monday evening. The authority agreed after two

vote counts at Monday night's regular monthly meeting to refuse to re-pay the loan immediately. The first motion set a repayment deadline of January 30, 1990, but the authority voted a 3-3 tie.

A second motion was made by authority member Marty McManus which stated the authority would refuse to re-pay the loan immediately, and agreed to re-evaluate payment on or by March 31, 1990. This motion was carried by a 5-1 vote.

McManus explained his motion stating, "(The supervisors) have the right to call payment of the loan, but it was my understanding (the supervisors) would allow us time to get finances together after the sewer project."

The supervisors could now take the authority to court to force repayment of the loan. Kindler commented, "In court, the agreement would stand. But the authority feels the money could go to the people involved in the project who will encounter some tremendous costs."

The authority is calling the move by the supervisors a political one, which only results in taxpayers taking money from themselves. "The request for payment by the supervisors is a political move," concluded Kindler.

No supervisors could be reached for comment by press time.

## Kept inaccurate connection records

# DER says no violations by HL Sewer Authority

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When Harveys Lake installed a public sewer system in 1977, the sewer authority did not keep accurate records of which residents did or did not connect to the system. Although the lack of records has impaired attempts to locate the source of water contamination now striking the lake, the state Department of Environmental Resources says the authority in 1977 did not violate any state laws.

Stanley Lehman, of DER's bureau of water quality, said Friday the authority's failure to keep accurate connection records was not a violation of any regulations governing such sewer projects. "There is no state requirement demand-

ing the authority keep such records," Lehman explained.

According to Lehman, a municipality is required only to enact an ordinance requiring residents who live within 150 feet of the sewer lines to connect. Harveys Lake did enact such an ordinance.

Lehman explained that although keeping records that indicate who connected to the sewer system "would have been good business practice," he said he is not aware of any state regulations requiring the authority do so.

The Harveys Lake Sewer Authority came under fire from angry residents after fecal bacteria contamination was detected in many of the lake's private drinking wells. At Warden Place, apparently the hardest hit area of the

lake, private wells have been registering contamination readings over eighty times higher than the legal safe limit imposed by DER.

In August, residents blasted the authority at its monthly meeting for not keeping the accurate records. Richard Boice, executive director of the authority, admitted the records were inaccurate stating human error as the reason.

At least two homes at Warden Place which were originally believed to have been connected to the sewer system, were found not to be. These homes were immediately forced to connect. The authority is now placing ads telling lake residents that if they are not connected to the system, they must connect or face a fine and compulsory connection.

# Citizens' Council to elect directors

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The Back Mountain Citizens Council will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Hayfield House on the Penn State Lehman Campus.

Primary orders of business will be the election of the board of directors for the coming year, and to vote on proposed changes to the bylaws.

Anne Vernon, chairwoman of the nominating committee, has proposed a slate of directors which has been mailed to all members of

the council.

For a one year term of office nominees are Dr. Alan Booin, Dallas Township; Susan Davis, Lehman Township; Dr. Pat DiPasquale, Dallas Borough; Irene Thomas, Lake Township; Jack Thomas, Kingston Township; and Frank Zeske, Franklin Township.

For a two-year term of office nominees are Al Babetzki, Lehman Township; Phyllis Belk; Ray Boyle, Harveys Lake Borough; L.J. Law, Ross Township; Murry Miller, Jackson Township; Dr. James Ryan, Jackson Township; Ann Vernon, Kingston Township.

For a three year term of office, nominees are Nancy Eckert, Dallas Borough; Will Conyngham, Lehman Township; Howard Grossman, Dallas Township; Ben Phillips, Dallas Borough; Ed Schechter, Jackson Township; Deloris Slesnisky, Kingston Township and Jacqueline Williams, Dallas Township.

Committee chairpersons nominated are George Gwilliam, municipal services; Rob Lewis, open space and recreation; Eleanor Kandler Rodda, water; and Dr. Tom Winter, solid waste.

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the presence of fecal coliform bacteria. Fecal coliform bacteria is caused by waste, often human, seeping into a drinking well. He said the other homes have not yet been tested to find what type of bacteria is present.

"We are not sure of the source" Ide said. He mentioned that the well that was found to have fecal contamination was "quite far away from the resident's septic tank."

Ide said the township is attempt-

ing to combat the problem by urging residents to have their water tested. "We need to know just how large a problem we are facing," Ide said. He also said the homes that have been found contaminated will be tested to see if the contamination is fecal.

The one home already found to have fecal contamination is drilling a new well in hopes of solving its contamination problem, according to Ide.

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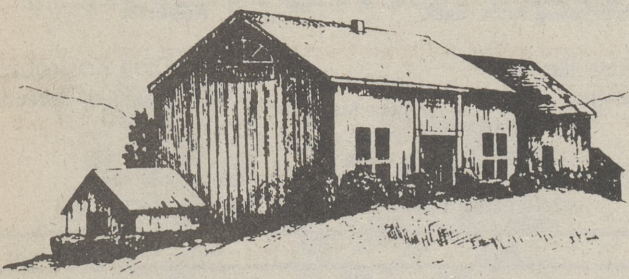
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