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Dallas super says codes not needed

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The president of the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors says he doesn't believe the township needs building codes. Frank Wagner explained his opposition to the regulations after articles appeared in area newspapers in which fire chief Theodore Wright called for adoption of the codes.

"If a person builds a \$150-200,000 house, I'm sure he's going to do the wiring properly," Wagner said Friday when he called The Post. "I just don't see that we need to pay a man \$20,000 (a year) to inspect it."

Wagner said that if the township had building codes, it would need an inspector to enforce them, and he felt that would simply duplicate existing inspections. Presently, there are no codes that have to be followed, "but UGI sends a man out to check the wiring" before connecting service, Wagner said, in giving an example of the checks he says now exist on new building.

The supervisor also pointed out that banks which lend money for new construction require examinations periodically to insure that work is being done properly.

Wagner said that he was expressing his personal opinion, not necessarily that of the board. "I'm still for the taxpayer," he said. "You're not going to get in the old

Wagner feels that anyone building a new home will do the work properly

houses anyway."

The controversy arose after the fire chief refused to obey a court order from Judge Chester Muroski to inspect a home in the township. The inspection was requested by Luzerne County Children and Youth Services to insure the safety of children involved in a custody case.

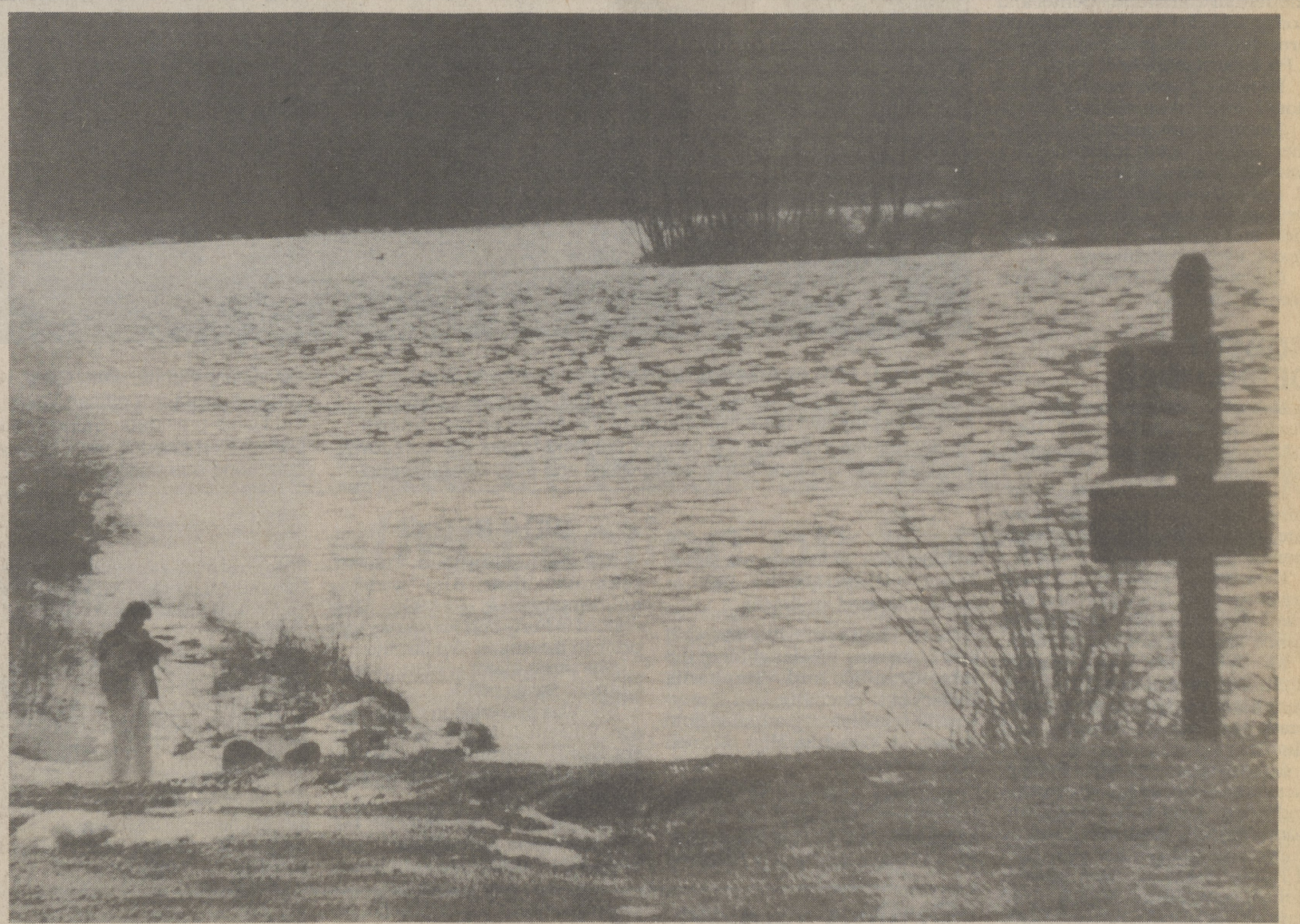
Wright refused to inspect the home because he felt without codes to back him up, he and the fire department could be held liable if it was found later that unsafe conditions existed.

But Wagner says Wright could have handled the request differently. "He should have sent the letter right back. The agency that wanted the inspection should do it itself," Wagner said. He also said that he didn't feel a building code would protect the fire department from a liability suit.

"A fire chief is to fight fires," Wagner said, explaining that he didn't think Wright was necessarily qualified to inspect things like electrical wiring.

Wright agrees that he cannot

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The dotted pond

Harriet Schwartz of Larksvill took her dogs for a walk on the shore of the lake at Francis Slocum Park last Thursday. Partially melted

ice gave the water an unusual look. Winter returned to the Back Mountain this week. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

High school choristers need host families

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Region IV Chorus is coming to Dallas in only two weeks, and Florence Sherwood is worried.

Sherwood is chairperson of the music department at Dallas High School and one of her tasks is to find housing for the 162 visiting high school choristers. With the program scheduled to start March 21, she still needs to find host families for nearly 100 participants.

"This is really a big, big event," Sherwood said Friday. "I think when people look at it they think of long term. But they'll be gone before the hosts even know it."

Host families for the event have a relatively easy job. The students must be housed Wednesday through Friday nights, March 21-23, provided with breakfast, and transported to and from the Dallas Middle School once each day. After breakfast Saturday morning, the students will be brought to the Middle School for their departure.

In addition to the gratitude of the students and organizers, host families will receive tickets to the Region IV Chorus Concert to be held Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m.

While the event is held at Dal-



CONDUCTOR AS STUDENT - Dr. William A. Cutter, the guest conductor for the Region IV Chorus, was a student in the Dallas schools in the 1970's. Shown in the photo above, taken in 1973, standing, Mrs. Florence Sherwood, music department chairperson; seated, front row from left, Steve Hartman, William Cutter, Marilyn Miller; back row, from left, Jack Kloeber, Wayne Long, David Schooley, Eric Martin.

las Middle School, residents of the Lake-Lehman School District are welcome to act as hosts; Sherwood says some already have said they will. "Lake-Lehman has been really helping; one family is taking six kids," she said. "I'm really

grateful to the Lake-Lehman families for helping out."

The regional chorus is the next to last step on the way to state competition for the young singers. The road to all-state began locally in October when nearly

500 singers auditioned for spots in the district chorus that was held in Tunkhannock last month. But gaining district status is only the beginning, according to Sherwood.

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Conductor's career began in Dallas

Dr. William A. Cutter, guest conductor for the Region IV Choir that will be begin two weeks from today in Dallas, is no stranger to the area.

"The most exciting thing for me," said Florence Sherwood, Dallas Music Department chairperson, "is that the conductor is a former student of mine." Cutter was a student at Dallas High School in the early 1970's and was active in the choral music program under Sherwood's direction.

Later, Cutter wrote a piece of music which he dedicated to his former teacher. "When I read the manuscript, I cried," Sherwood said Friday.

Dr. William Cutter is an Affiliate Artist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA., where he is the assistant conductor of the M.I.T. Chamber Singers, a select group of 30 singers who perform masterworks of the acappella vocal literature; and the 100-voiced M.I.T. Concert Choir which presents major works of the choral/orchestral repertoire.

He is also the assistant con-



DR. WILLIAM A. CUTTER
Region IV Chorus
guest conductor

ductor of the Boston Symphony Tanglewood Chorus, the Boston University Tanglewood Young Artists Chorus and has served as guest conductor for numerous choral festivals and institutes including the North Carolina Institute for Choral Arts at Appalachian State University. Additional current activities include voice instructor at the Walnut Hill High School repertoire.

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Artists needed for special Noxen rattlesnake stamp

Although it is illegal to send rattlesnakes or any kind of snakes through the mail, thousands of letters mailed later this year from the Noxen Post Office will feature a drawing of a rattlesnake.

To celebrate the annual Rattlesnake Roundup held in Noxen, May 31-June 5, 1990, the Noxen Postal Service will issue a special cancellation to honor the event which attracts thousands of people to the community. "The Postal Service will set up a special cancellation booth at the event and letters mailed from Noxen will display the special cancellation," said David Schaar, Noxen Postmaster.

"The employees of the Noxen Post Office: carrier, Phylis Caruthers; clerk, Jennifer Reese; carrier, Dawn Traver; and Postmaster Schaar, wanted the community to be involved in the designing of the special postmark, so we are having



a contest to draw the rattlesnake for the cancellation," continued Schaar.

The contest is open to all students from the Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Tunkhannock and Gate of Heaven Schools, as well as all school children who live in Noxen. All the art teachers in these schools have been notified of the contest, explained Schaar.

Students are being asked to draw a rattlesnake no larger than 5 inches by 8 inches on clean white paper in black ink (no other colors). A certificate of appreciation will be issued to each student who participates.

From the entries, 3 finalists will be selected from each category: kindergarten through 4th grade; 5th through 8th grades; and 9th through 12th grades. Finalists will receive their choice of a Dinosaur

T-shirt, Love T-shirt or a Dinosaur Pin. A winner will be chosen from the finalists and that drawing will be used on the cancellation.

Judging will be on creativity and originality and will be done by Marjorie Reppert, art instructor, Lehighton Area School District. Due to reproduction and reduction processing, elaborate detailing is not necessary. We are looking for a unique drawing of a rattlesnake for our cancellation.

Contest entries must be post-marked no later than March 22, 1990, and sent to "Rattlesnake Contest", c/o Postmaster, Noxen, PA 18636-9999 or brought to the Noxen Post Office no later than 5 p.m. March 23, 1990. The Rattlesnake Roundup is sponsored by the Noxen Volunteer Fire Department.

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- JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - Mon., Mar. 12, 7 PM, Jackson Twp. Fire Hall
- KINGSTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Wed., Mar. 14, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.
- KINGSTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION - Tues., Mar. 13, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.
- LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Sat., Mar. 10, 9 AM, Lake Twp. Municipal Bldg., Rt. 29 North
- LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD - Tues., Mar. 13, 8 PM, Lehman-Jackson Elementary School
- LEHMAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Mon., Mar. 12, 8 PM, Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.