

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

## A job well done in Jackson Township

It was a rare meeting in Jackson Township last week. After the municipal authority had made a presentation that included telling residents that it would cost several hundred dollars for each home to hook up to the new public sewer system, the residents gave authority members a round of applause.

That doesn't happen very often in modern America, where the "no new taxes" theme has become the litany of a something for nothing generation. More often than not, the knee-jerk reaction to any plan or project that will cost real money is to dismiss it out of hand.

Early in the Jackson Township sewer project the media, including this newspaper, tended to focus on the authority's seeming inability to submit grant applications in time to qualify for federal and state funding. But in the end the authority did a fine job and garnered a federal grant that covered two-thirds of the cost, and a low-interest state loan to cover another quarter of it. That means residents have to pay a modest \$375 connection fee, plus the cost of having the connection made.

No wonder Jackson Township residents applauded; they had witnessed government doing as it should to serve citizens properly.

## Time for an impartial look at Lake authority

While Jackson Township residents are cheering their municipal authority, people in Harveys Lake must wonder what is going on with theirs.

Represented by a skillful lawyer who was able to raise serious doubts about her guilt in the minds of a jury, Gloria Ann Marie Evans was acquitted last week of embezzling around \$40,000 from the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority, of which she was secretary for 10 years. Whether or not justice was done we don't know.

In the course of the trial, Ms. Evans testified under oath that she had marked as paid charges to the accounts of Terry Jones and John McManus, members of the authority, and to that of another person, said to be a friend of Jones'. Ms. Evans said Jones and McManus instructed her to do so but had not actually paid the amount due. That testimony raises serious questions about the operation of the authority. It comes on the heels of last year's water contamination problems, during the investigation of which the authority was unable to produce any records showing who was connected to the system and who was not.

It's time to find out the truth about the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority and its operations. If members are guilty of nothing more than a few simple oversights, they should welcome an investigation by an outside entity. That investigation should include a thorough review of who is connected and who is not, and who has paid and who hasn't.

No one who pays for municipal sewer service in Harveys Lake should be satisfied until these questions are answered.

### Letters invited

The Dallas Post encourages readers to share their opinions with the community by writing a letter to the editor. All letters for publication must be signed and include a telephone number so that we may verify their authenticity. We will not publish anonymous letters. Send letters to: The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612. Letters received by Noon on Monday may be included in that week's issue.

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## Only yesterday

### 60 Years Ago - March 21, 1930 CITIZENS COMPLAIN ABOUT POOR ROAD CONDITIONS

Irate citizens of Noxen and Monroe Township took their protests about the road conditions to Wyoming County Commissioners.

Bishop William Anderson of Massachusetts will lecture in Shavertown Methodist Episcopal Church Friday evening on "The Challenge of the Hour."

Dallas Township taxpayers formed an association in an effort to promote greater harmony and efficiency in township affairs.

Dallas Oldtimers play Shaver-town All-Stars next Tuesday evening in the high school gym. Dallas team will have such old time stars as Tom Reese, Jim Besecker, Jack Roberts, Thomas Higgins, Hal Wagner and Bill Baker. Shavertown boasts some fine players in Earl Keithline, Herm VanCampen, 'Red' Schwartz, Gene Platt, Hale Garey, Bill Perrego, Dan Shaver, George Shaver and Fred Kromelbein.

### 50 Years Ago - March 22, 1940 NEW HIGHWAY TO SKIRT BUSINESS DISTRICTS

The new relocated Dallas-Luzerne Highway will skirt the present business sections of Shav-

ertown and Dallas to avoid time-wasting turns followed by the present highway.

Mrs. Ralph Hallock, Lake Street, was elected president of Women of Rotary at their dinner meeting at the Country Club.

Wed - Janice Louise Ludwig and Nicholas Davies.

Overbrook Gun Club of Dallas are feeding the game who are hungry due to the recent blizzard.

Jack Grant is appointed as the new golf pro at the Country Club to replace Ted Weissner, who moved last week.

### 40 Years Ago - March 24, 1950 OLD HIGH WHEEL BICYCLE SHOWN IN EASTER PARADE

Harold J. Cook of Trucksville has a 75-year-old high wheel bicycle which will be ridden by Eddie Tinklepaugh in the Back Mountain Gay 90's Easter Parade.

In spite of bad weather, a large representation of several Back Mountain organizations attended a meeting to discuss a proposed Back Mountain Community Center, Wednesday night in the Dallas Township High School.

A sizeable portion of Clifford Space's barn on Huntsville Road

collapsed under the weight of the wet snow Thursday morning.

Harold Payne, vice president and general manager of Commonwealth was elected as a director of Pennsylvania Independent Telephone Association at its eastern district meeting.

Dallas Township's girls basketball won the League championship.

Engaged - Marguerite Hilbert and Harry LeValley; Doris Arline Ikeler and August F. Walters.

Wed - Josephine Stem and Richard C. Ostrum.

### 30 Years Ago - March 24, 1960 SEWAGE SURVEY DISCUSSED FOR AREA MUNICIPALITIES

C.H. Young of Gannett, Fleming, Corddry, Carpenter, Inc. engineering firm of Harrisburg discussed the sewage survey with representatives of Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough.

Goodleigh Farm will auction off its prize herd of Guernsey cattle.

Rural Supply's Branch at Dallas located on Route 309 just north of the intersection drew a good crowd at its open house Saturday.

## Report from Harrisburg

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill recently from Rep. Scott Ditterick, 120th Legislative District.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. AID** - Legislation to provide increased financial assistance to fire companies which utilize both paid and volunteer firefighters was approved by the House Finance Committee this week and sent to the full House for consideration. Developed by Rep. George Jackson (R-Lebanon), the measure is designed to assist those fire companies across the commonwealth which utilize both professionals and volunteers, by allowing them to receive so-called foreign fire insurance proceeds. The bill is aimed at correcting an oversight in the law which allows only totally volunteer companies to be awarded the foreign fire insurance funding. "We all realize that unless you have volunteers, you're going to be in bad shape. We're trying to do everything we can to allot them as much money as possible," Jackson said.

**PRISON FUNDING QUESTIONED** - Rep. Jeffrey E. Piccola (R-Dauphin) recently lashed out at Gov. Robert P. Casey for proposing the transfer of some \$2.35 million in funds earmarked for 10 overcrowded county prison systems to the state correctional system. Under the governor's 1990-91 budget proposal, funds set aside by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for the county prison overcrowding would be used to aid the state prison system. The issue came to light this week when the commission announced that it could not release the \$2.35 million to the counties as scheduled. "Once again, the governor practices the principle of 'robbing Peter to pay Paul'. What he simply doesn't understand is that the county prisons are also overcrowded," said Piccola. The \$2.35 million was earmarked for Dauphin, Susquehanna, Lycoming, Armstrong, Chester, Bucks, Washington, Elk, Allegheny and Philadelphia counties.

Harveys Lake cagers take the playoffs in the Back Mountain Church League by defeating Shavertown 54-51 in the finals.

Wed - Marion Dendler and Roy Tryon.

### 20 Years Ago - March 26, 1970 OIL DEALERS COMPLAIN ABOUT RATE HIKES

Oil dealers charge abuse not only by big oil companies but also by government officials granting rate hikes.

George Thomas, Dallas Borough councilman, reports that the proposed Dallas Borough Recreation Park is complete and waiting only for the governor's approval.

Republican Women to hold six regional conferences during the two weeks immediately following Easter to make a concerted effort to increase the council's 60,000 membership.

Black Knights, winner of the 'Old Shoe' were honored guests of Dallas Kiwanis last week at the Dallas Country Club.

Engaged - Gay Williams and James A. Wrathy.

Wed - Gloria Marie Machung and Charles Douglas Repotski.

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Judson Holdredge, Trucksville, 57 years.

## The Post asks: "What is your opinion of the proposed postage increase?"



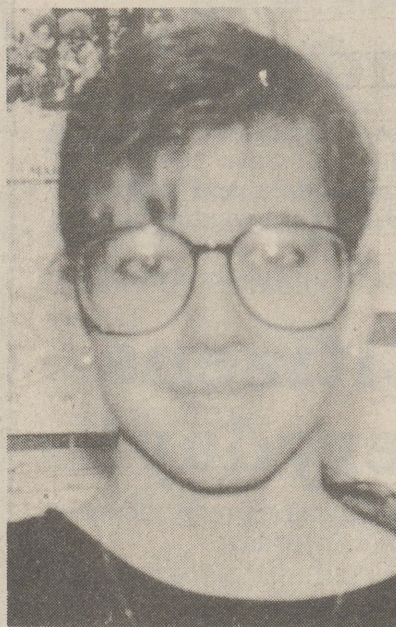
Amy Herbert,  
Dallas  
Secretary

"I believe the cost of postage is getting too high. Another increase will stop people from sending letters and cards."



Angie Cheskiewitz  
Dallas  
Student

"I believe it's foolish to increase it. It's too high now, people can't afford it and the service keeps getting worse."



Tammy Dickston  
Dallas  
Student

"I believe it's necessary to a point if we want the service. In some countries they pay up to a dollar or even more."



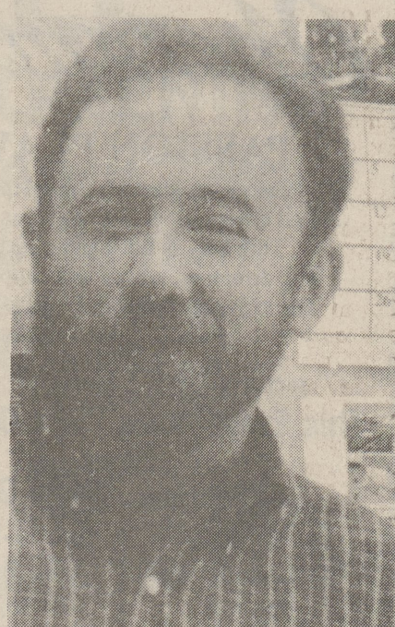
Heidi Marr  
Sweet Valley  
Student

"I don't think it should go up any higher. It will cost too much to send a letter or a card."



Shirly Smith  
Hunlock Creek  
Custodian

"It's no different than anything else. I couldn't make a trip from here to California for the price of postage."



Richard Morgan  
Forty Fort  
Teacher

"So, the price is going up! Everything else is. I think the service is more efficient than people give the postal employees credit for."