

Strips

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professionals such as dentists and doctors.

Council president Tim Carroll told the Stallones that as the strips wore down they would become quieter. Council also said they would evaluate the problem and give their answer at the next meeting.

"We were disappointed," Linda Stallone said later. "We realize the council's concern with safety but we didn't think they would wait a month before they could come up with an alternate plan. The noise is very distracting and also very annoying."

"We suggested a flashing light, but council said they had requested such a light from PennDOT but PennDOT refused the light because there were too many flashing lights in that area."

"Why can't they do away with the strips and put a large flashing sign uphill before cars or trucks get as far down as the one-way section of Route 309?" Stallone asked. "Even a sign with reflectors would attract attention if it were placed at the top of the hill and it would certainly give trucks time to slow down. The noise is bad enough now and it isn't warm enough to have windows open. Just imagine what it will be in the summer."

John Ginochetti, owner of Gino's Shoe Store, also signed the petition. He was away when we contacted him but an employee in charge said they weren't satisfied with council's answer.

"The strips are very annoying and we don't have any doors open and when some of the cars or trucks go over them, items on our shelves shake. Some of the people try to get over them in a hurry and they nearly lose control of their cars," she said.

Elva Valentine, owner of Valentine's Fine Jewelry, also signed the petition. "I am not at all satisfied with the council members' answer. We don't want to wait until they wear down, we don't want the strips. They should consider an alternative."

In other business, the council approved a Tax Anticipation Loan in order to purchase a new police cruiser at a cost of \$14,000.

President Carroll and Borough Manager Milton Lutsey have been urging the residents of the borough to become involved in the gypsy moth spraying program but it doesn't seem many people are interested. No one showed any interest at the meeting.

Residents who want information about the gypsy moth program and what should be done may contact the Borough Office.

The plan of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority to convert its Kingston Township plant from a treatment plant to a pumping station was also approved by the council. The Department of Environmental Resources suggested that DAMA select the pumping station option in order to bring the plant up to the state standards for treatment of sewage.

The estimated cost of the plan is \$4 million to pump DAMA's sewage to the Edwardsville pumping station of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority and from there to the Hanover plant.

Council also accepted bids for their Spring cleanup as follows: Endless Mountains 30 cubic yard container \$500; Danella Sanitation 35 cubic yard container \$467.35; Solomon 30 cubic yard container, \$420; and Waste Reduction and Recycling Enterprises 30 cubic yard container, \$394.

Borough solicitor Atty. John Fine reported that a complaint had been served on the owner of the Hearstone Pub.

Shirley Templin was hired as borough secretary to replace Nancy Nelen, who resigned to accept a full-time position with Dallas School District.

The council met with Marlene Pawlowski, zoning consultant, March 7, at which time she explained the various definitions of buildings. A second meeting will be held April 7 with council and members of the planning commission to discuss policy with Ms. Pawlowski.

Council woman Patricia Peiffer reported that she had investigated information about recycling and would discuss various plans at a future meeting of council.



Library celebrates 5th year in new building

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has just celebrated five years in the new building on Huntsville Road, Dallas. The occasion was marked with a birthday party for library patrons and friends held in the reading room. The occasion also was the formal introduction of the library's new librarian, Mary Ellen Tirpak, who joined the library

staff on February 17. Pictured, from left, Jane McMichael, circulation desk; Nancy Kozemchak, business manager; Mary Ellen Tirpak, librarian; Marilyn Rudolph, children's librarian; Lou Ellen Zekas, staff member; and Charlotte Oley, circulation department.

Extension granted for Lehman subdivision

By RICH JOHNSON Staff Writer

An extension has been granted to an engineering firm which is creating plans for a subdivision in Lehman Township.

The plans, which call for building 48 townhouses along the border of Lehman and Dallas Townships and Harveys Lake Borough, were first submitted two months ago to the Lehman Planning Commission.

Since that time many comments and questions have arisen about the specifications on the plans. On Monday night, representatives of Quad 3 Group Inc., the engineers submitting the plans, met with the planning commission to ask conditional approval of the plans.

The commission had to make some sort of decision during the meeting or the plans would have been automatically approved. But because some of the specifications did not meet township requirements the board did not accept the plans and granted an extension for their submission.

The major stumbling block for the subdivision was a minimum area requirement for each unit. A township ordinance requires each unit to have a minimum area of 4,000 square feet. This requirement was not being met by the current plans and so the engineers must either change the plans or obtain a variance to the ordinance.

David Givler, one of the engineers submitting the plans, says that they will attempt to get a

variance from the township Zoning Hearing Board.

"We will approach the zoning hearing board next month," said Givler. "Hopefully we will be granted a variance and can go ahead cleaning up some of the smaller comments made about the plans and receive approval."

Other comments made about the plans by the local planning commission and the Luzerne County Planning Commission, which also reviewed the plans. However, Givler said that the requested changes could be easily made.

The engineers and planning commission discussed every concern made at Monday's meeting.

"The planning commission is being very cordial," said Givler

Tuesday morning. "I am happy that we can work together to clear things up," he added.

The plans call for the dividing of parcels into the 48 townhouses. The owner and developer of the project is Home World Inc. of Dallas.

Also Monday night, the Lehman Township Zoning Hearing Board announced that the township road department will soon begin placing signs at entry points of the township. These signs will remind residents that building and sewer permits are required by ordinance for construction projects within the township.

Permits for all construction can be obtained by contacting Barbara Simms, the Township Zoning Office at 675-8224.

Arson

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which is borderline mental retardation.

The prosecution's case was supported by detective Matt Burrell of the county District Attorney's Office. Burrell said he was present for Tibus' preliminary hearing on September 8, 1988.

Burrell said that while the District Justice and the two attorneys were out of the room, a woman in the courtroom asked Tibus if he was guilty.

John turned to the woman nodded yes and then put his finger to his lips and said 'shhh,' said Burrell.

Under cross examination, the detective admitted that he did not file a report of the incident until eight months after it happened. Burrell also said that he did not know the name of the woman who asked the question.

The prosecution also called on Steiner, who testified that his barn was covered by insurance. He also said that in the barn were a num-

ber of antique automobile parts and other items which he received settlements for.

The defense began its case on Monday with Tibus taking the stand. He testified that despite being a firefighter, he is afraid of fire. He said his duties were limited to directing traffic and rolling hoses.

Tibus' mother also testified that her son was afraid of fire. She said she is the one who burns the garbage at their home.

Emma Tibus also testified that she was home with her son when the Steiner fire occurred in 1988.

Another person testifying as to Tibus' fear of fire was his boss at Encon in Dallas, where Tibus worked as a janitor and maintenance man. John Lloyd said that Tibus would not burn stacks of pallets when asked to do so.

The trial, heard before Luzerne County Judge Joseph Augello was expected to wrap up yesterday, with the jury expected to have a verdict today.

Dallas Honor students help with daffodil sale

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Daffodils are abundant in the Back Mountain this week!

The pale yellow blossoms sold annually to benefit the American Cancer Society are being distributed by members of the Dallas High School National Honor Society this weekend to friends and families who purchased \$560 of the blooms from the students.

"The honor students sold 140 bunches to students, their families and friends. That is 1,400 flowers that we will have to put up," said Mrs. Margaret Johnson National Honor Society Advisor. "The daffodils will be delivered Wednesday and we will have to put many of them in bunches of five blossoms instead of 10 because the students sold them two ways; bunches of 10 for \$4.00 or half bunches of five for \$2.00.

"We also order extra daffodils and donate them to the Meadows Center for distribution in the lobbies of the center."

Mrs. Johnson said that members of the Student Council at the Middle School also sold them but Miss Amesbury, the advisor, was on a field trip and could not be reached for information.

Louise Kondracki, in charge of the Back Mountain Daffodils Sale also has the daffodils available for purchase at the Northeastern Bank, Route 309; United Penn Bank, Dallas; First Eastern Bank, Dallas Village Shopping Center; Franklin First Federal, Dallas Shopping Center, and the Merchants Banks.

"The Back Mountain sold a total of 2,032 bunches of daffodils for a total of \$8,128 as of Monday," an obviously happy employee of the Cancer Association said.

Census is only 3rd at Lake

By RICH JOHNSON Staff Writer

Ask anyone in politics and they will tell you: Filling out the census form is important. That statement is especially true in the borough of Harveys Lake.

This is only the third census in Harveys Lake since it became a borough. The first was in 1970 when the population was 1,693.

The 1980 census found the number of people living in Harveys Lake had grown to 2,310. A decade later the population is still rising and that is an important fact for borough council president William Wilson.

Wilson has urged all residents of the borough to fill out

the census form to help the borough.

"We are growing and this census helps govern the way things will be for the next 10 years," says Wilson.

During an interview on Monday, Wilson said he is filling out his census form and he hopes that the rest of the borough will do the same.

"This dictates how much representation we will get," he said, "and I urge everyone to complete the forms."

Harveys Lake Borough is continuing to grow and this census should show this, that is if everyone takes the time to fill out the form.

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