

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Move faster to clean up Lake wells

Things are moving much too slowly in the effort to track down and eliminate sources of sewage contamination of wells at Harveys Lake. The potential exists for residents to become seriously ill after drinking tainted water, yet action to remedy the situation is moving at a snail's pace. In most cases, the origin of the bacteria is an unconnected septic system, or an outhouse.

There are certain time-consuming steps, such as formal notification by letter, that must usually be taken before the borough or the sewer authority can act against a non-complying citizen. But those restrictions are being magnified by a lackadaisical approach that allows days or weeks to go by between stages of the process. Meanwhile, residents are at risk.

It would seem that at the very least, those with the authority to correct a dangerous situation would see that the timetable is compressed as much as possible. Beyond that, given the apparent magnitude of the problem, declaring a health emergency would not seem out of order.

Crackdown on litterers is welcome

Watch out litterers—your slovenly ways may be getting more expensive. That's the message from the Pennsylvania State Police as they vow to crack down on those who make our roadsides ugly.

Don't believe it? How about a \$300 fine, plus court costs; or up to 16 hours cleaning up litter; or even heavier fines and up to 90 days in jail? Those are the penalties that apply to litterers, as well they should.

We live in a truly beautiful part of the nation, but it is marred by some of the worst littering to be found in any state. Thoughtless, careless or malicious people strew their garbage at random, destroying the appearance of our region. Now the police have said that catching litterers is important.

If you want to help by reporting the slob, call Troop P of the Pennsylvania State Police at 826-5460. They will investigate and prosecute abusers of our environment.

Stop drunk driving on land or sea

Boaters will get a reminder this Saturday that the dangers of driving while intoxicated are not limited to the road, as the Luzerne County chapter of Mothers Against Driving Drunk hold a program on the effects of alcohol on boat operators.

Harveys Lake is an appropriate location for this event, as it has been the scene of several serious accidents—many of them fatal—involving drunken boaters.

While they are at it, the organization may want to ask for a review of the state's boating laws, including the one that allows boaters to consume alcohol while driving. That, combined with high speeds, seems a formula for future disasters.

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 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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They are not forgotten

(Photo by Ron Bartzek)

Letters

Suggests recycling wastewater for drinking

Editor:

An article by Charlot Denmon in The Dallas Post (May 23) noted that some have suggested that the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (D.A.M.A.) might be a logical vehicle to choose for developing our future water conservation and management policies. Unquestionably, as the Back Mountain Area continues to develop, sooner or later a coordinated water management system will be imperative. Our groundwater supplies have been cited in several studies as the limiting factor to area growth.

In view of this fact, however,

our present water management system doesn't seem very logical. Presently, we pump water out of the ground; use it; carefully collect the wastewater; and then ship it all off to D.A.M.A., in Luzerne, to be processed. Subsequently, it is dumped into the Susquehanna to later be re-processed and used by the folks downstream (who re-process it and pass it along). Our groundwater thus makes a one-way trip.

If, as now anticipated, development in the Back Mountain Area begins to cause water shortages, a better system might involve processing the area's wastewater lo-

cally and then re-injecting it into the groundwater via injection wells. Such a process is currently used in parts of the South and Southwest by the "Southwest Water Company". An article in a recent issue of Barron's outlined the company's progress and prospects in applying its management efforts to water-short areas.

The consulting and managing services offered by the company might have application here. Should we wait until we begin running out of water?

Hugh P. King
Dallas

Bells sales supplement library auction

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library auction committees are busy planning for the varied activities scheduled for this 44th annual auction. One of the new features for this auction is the starting date of the 4th of July. We are trying to make this day an old fashioned family picnic type celebration.

A brand new innovation is the

selling of a bell with the details of the auction printed on it. The patron pays \$1.00, signs his name on the bell and we hang the bell in the entrance way of the library. To date, we have 245 bells hanging. This is marvelous support from our community supporters. We have been calling the printer to make more bells and he tried to figure out what we were doing with them. On his last visit to the library, he said he was overwhelmed

by the bells. They attract your attention as soon as you enter the library. If your name is not hanging, come on in.

The Book Club held its May meeting at the library with some special members unable to attend because of illness. We certainly missed our president, Florence Crump, who is recuperating from a fall and is our treasurer, Elin Northrup who was not feeling up to par.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - May 30, 1930 COUNTY LIBRARIANS ATTEND CONVENTION

Librarians of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties attend the convention held during the past week at College Misericordia.

Unknown persons saturated the old covered bridge that crosses Bowman's Creek near Orcutt's Grove, Noxen, and tried to burn it but nearby neighbors quickly brought it under control.

Dallas Athletics lost 2-0 to Dupont in their game in the Wyoming League last week.

St. Therese's Parish plan to hold a rummage sale during the first week in June.

50 Years Ago - May 31, 1940 LEWIS GRADUATES WITH HONORS

George R. Lewis of Dallas graduated with honors from East Stroudsburg State Teachers College Tuesday.

Tax Collector Arthur Dungey Dallas receives an extension of the tax duplicate because scarcely more than half of the town's taxpayers have paid their personal taxes.

Lehman student Richard F. Parks, RD 1, Dallas, won the Reader's Digest annual award for scholastic achievement.

Beaumont team downs the Dallas Arrows 7-2.

40 Years Ago - June 2, 1950 TRAFFIC HEAVY FOR MEMORIAL PARADE

All roads to the Sweet Valley Fair and parade were blocked with bumper to bumper traffic enroute to the big Memorial Day event.

Wed - Dorothy Weber as Frederick Marsh; Rebecca Capler and Archie F. Wilcox, Alice Kivinski and Edward Trumbower.

Engaged - Mathilda Frederick and Michael Kozick; Marlea Elinor Traver and Joseph Luketic.

30 Years Ago - June 2, 1960 TRIBUTE HELD FOR REV. KENNETH O'NEILL

Lehman Charge of Lehman Methodist Church paid tribute to Rev. Kenneth O'Neill last week.

Auction committee chairmen met at the Myron Baker home to report on the progress of this year's auction July 6, 7 and 8.

Dallas American Legion embarks on a campaign to have every home display the American Flag on June 14.

Colorful ceremonies open the new Little League field in Dallas Township.

Wed - Marilyn Barber and James J. Davis.

Back Mountain gains in recently completed census figures which indicated approximately 4,000 increase in population.

Linear Workers received increase in wages.

20 Years Ago - June 4, 1970 DALLAS BOROUGH OPPOSES MERGER

Dallas Borough balks proposed police merger proposed by Dr. Hugo Mailey.

Natona strike is predicted. Mini-recession hits greater metro region.

William G. Hart, former Dallas resident, receives promotion to assistant superintendent of Eastman Kodak's synthetic materials division.

Donald D. Smith is named to board of Penn State Foundation.

Dallas Rotary team leads league 3-0.

Engaged - Joan M. Natitus and Robert M. Pascolini.

Dallas Legionnaires clean, paint and fix up the Legion Post Home on Memorial Highway.

The Post Asks: Should flag burning be an allowed form of protest?



Harry Misson
Dallas

"No. I think there should be something done to those who do that."



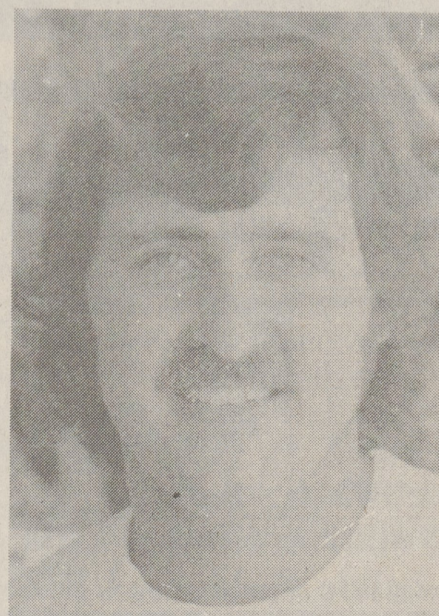
John McMullen
Harveys Lake

"No. There should be some sort of penalty given to those who burn the flag."



Bea Shelley
Dallas

"No. I don't think those people are good citizens."



Dave Randazza
Dallas

"No. I know it is freedom of speech but those people shouldn't do that type of thing."